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Case ID #: 66F-LA-C236680 (Pending)

Title: LOS ANGELES ARAB/MUSLIM/SIKH
OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.

Synopsis: Document the 20th Meeting of the Multi Cultural
Advisory Committee.

Enclosure(s): The following items are enclosed: (1) Multi-
Cultural Sign-In Sheet, (2) agenda of the 19th meeting, (3)
biography of the Islamic Center of Southern California, (4)
biography of [redacted] (5) biography of [redacted] and
(6) biography of COPAA, (7) biography of [redacted]
(8) biography of Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

Details: On Monday, October 17, 2005, at 6 p.m., the 20th
meeting of the Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) was held
at the FBI Office in Westwood, California. The meeting was
attended by the following Committee Members:

1. [redacted]
Omar Ibn Al Khattab Foundation
2. [redacted]
Iranian American Lawyers Association
3. [redacted]
CAIR
4. [redacted]
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5. SSA [REDACTED]
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6. SA [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles

7. [REDACTED]
Free Muslim Coalition Against Terrorism

8. ADIC Randy Parsons
FBI Los Angeles

9. [REDACTED]
Syriac Orthodox Church

10. [REDACTED]
Shura Council of Southern California

11. [REDACTED]
Department of Justice Community Relations Services

12. [REDACTED]
CAIR

13. [REDACTED]
Los Angeles Latino Muslim Association

14. [REDACTED]
The Sikh Community

15. [REDACTED]
Immigration Attorney

16. [REDACTED]
USC Muslim Student Union

17. [REDACTED]
CAIR

18. [REDACTED]
Bahai Foundation

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Masjid Al-Faitha of America

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Inter Religious Federation for World Peace
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Riverside Muslim Community
23. [redacted]
COPAA
24. [redacted]
DOJ Community Relations Service
25. ASAC Ethel McGuire
FBI Los Angeles
26. [redacted]
MPAC
27. [redacted]
US COPTS Association
28. [redacted]
Department of Homeland Security
29. [redacted]
Islamic Center of Southern California
30. [redacted]
Pakistani Community
31. [redacted]
MPAC
32. [redacted]
Armenian Community
33. [redacted]
34. [redacted]
Los Angeles Community Muslim Activist
35. ADIC Stephen Tidwell
FBI Los Angeles

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36. [redacted]
British Consulate

37. Bill Lockyer
Attorney General of California

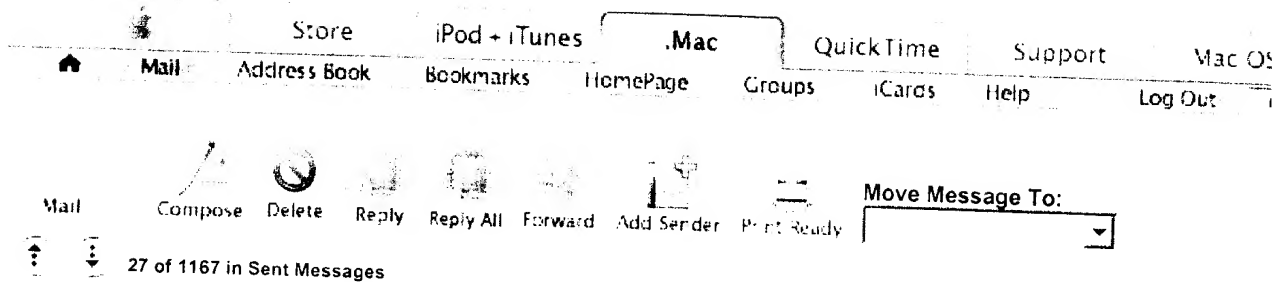
SSA [redacted] and SA [redacted] opened the meeting by greeting the MCAC members of guests. As this meeting was held during the month of Ramadan, prayer was held by the MCAC members of the Islamic faith and the fast was broken. A plaque was presented to [redacted] of the British Consulate, which expressed MCAC's deep sorrow over the recent bombings in London. [redacted] was touched by this unexpected gift and expressed his continued enthusiasm to outreach to the community.

Thereafter, Attorney General Lockyer addressed the MCAC members regarding the role/duties of his office. Attorney General Lockyer specifically spoke about civil rights, hate crimes, and immigration issues affecting California. Lockyer was well received. b6

At this time, ADIC Tidwell introduced himself to the MCAC members as the new Assistant Director of Los Angeles. ADIC Tidwell expressed his desire to continue with the work of MCAC. All the members in attendance then introduced themselves and provided background as to the organization/community they represent, including some of the concerns/issues in their community.

SA [redacted] informed that an e-mail regarding the date and agenda of the next meeting would be sent to all MCAC members. The meeting then ended.

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Date: Fri Oct 14, 2005 04:21:10 PM PDT

Subject: Re: MEETING

To everyone:

Just wanted to let you know that MCAC Member [REDACTED] has graciously volunteered to host the dinner for our meeting on Monday. Even though [REDACTED] as generously given his time, effort, and resources to the relief effort in Pakistan, he still insists on giving to MCAC. Although [REDACTED] did not want me to tell anyone that he was hosting the dinner, I can't help wanting to recognize his selfless nature. He is truly an example of generosity and caring to all.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

P.S.: If someone would like to bring a dessert that would be great!

Thanks again to [REDACTED]

On Friday, October 14, 2005, at 02:50PM, [REDACTED]@mac.com> wrote:

>To all:

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>With respect to our meeting on Monday, Attorney Bill Lockyer will now speak at 7pm to allow for dinner and prayer. Thus, the agenda will be as follows:

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>1) 6pm-6:20pm - meet and greet, followed by plaque presentation to [REDACTED]

- >2) 6:20-7pm - dinner and prayer
- >3) 7pm-8pm- Attorney General Lockyer presentation and Q&A
- >4) 8pm- ADIC Tidwell will introduce himself, followed by all MCAC members introducing themselves, including community they represent and concerns/issues of community they represent (if circumstances permit, we can have ADIC Tidwell introduce himself during the dinner break and maybe some MCAC members as well, we'll be flexible!)

>With the above said, please have your statement prepared (keep it concise!) so that we can keep things going during the meeting and end at a relatively decent time.

>Thanks!

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>On Thursday, October 13, 2005, at 12:57PM, [redacted]@mac.com> wrote:

>>Hello All:

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>>Just a reminder that our next meeting is on Monday, October 17th at 6pm sharp. We will try to keep this meeting short and thus the agenda will be as follows:

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>>1) 6pm-6:30pm - Attorney General will speak, followed by Q&A

>>2) 7:00pm-7:10pm- Break

>>3) 7:10pm-7:25pm- Present plaque to [redacted] of the British Consulant

>>4) 7:25pm-8:30pm - New Assistant Director In Charge of Los Angeles, Steven Tidwell, will introduce himself to the Committee. In turn, each member will introduce themselves (including organization/community they represent and issues/concerns of their community) to ADIC Tidwell and the rest of the committee!

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>>As many of you will be fasting throughout the day, we will have food ready to go before 6pm so you could fix your plate before the Attorney General speaks and begin to eat at around 6:20ish. Or we can take a break at around 6:30 so that people can fix their plates and pray. We will work it out!

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>>See you Monday!

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>[redacted]

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Monday, October 17, 2005



Council of Pakistan American Affairs

October 17, 2005

MISSION:

- To assist public officials and policy makers in the United States in understanding issues of vital interests related to Pakistan, with the aim of bringing about a positive change in policies and attitudes towards Pakistan.
- To participate in the US political process through an organized community effort
- To promote and encourage business, trade and investment locally and internationally

COPAA ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE:

- Tax Exempt IRS 501(c) Non-Profit Organization
- Federal Tax ID#95-4575200
- Board: 20 volunteer members. (20% MD, 20% Professionals, 60% Businessmen)

CONSTITUENTS/COMMUNITY REPRESENTED:

- Pakistani: Visitors, Students, Businessmen
- Pakistani-Americans: Naturalized, Business People, Established Professionals
- Americans: US Born, Students, Young Professionals, Business People

SAMPLING OF RECENT ACTIVITIES:

Ahmed Arian

US Senator Tom Harkin

Pakistan Senator Shafquat Mahmood

Pakistan Caucus on US Capitol

L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

US Representative Gary Miller

Pakistan Ambassador Jehangir Karamat

American Muslim Homeland Security Congress

CURRENT ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Pakistan Earthquake Relief

Travel

Post 911 Paradigms/Issues

Pakistan Earthquake Relief

Immigrations, Naturalization

Improving current Patriot Act Legislation

TANVIR KHAN:

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Born: Karachi, Pakistan

High School: Sussex, England.

University: Calpoly, Pomona (BSEE) & UCLA (MBA)

Family: Married with three ~~spoilt~~ brats children

Profession: Program Manager, Molecular Biology, Major Diagnostic Company

MCAC Goals: ① Disseminate jewels ② Develop relationships ③ Build bridges

Backup: Hamid Malik. eMail: hamid@amtrend.com

Mobile: 714-514-5786

Volunteer Civic and Community services:

1992-1994	Los Angeles Superior Court, Domestic Violence project.
1994-1997	Los Angeles Superior Court arbitrator and mediator.
1997 – present	Los Angeles Superior Court, Judge Pro-tem.
2000-present	<p>Iranian American Lawyers Association, Director and former president and officer. www.ialawyers.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2002-2003, (NSEERS) Special Call in registration, INS related detention release, recall of Notices to Appear (NTA) discussions with then INS along with other organizations (CAIR, CHIRLA, ACRC, SAN, ADC, and others) for Group I (Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria and Lybia) and subsequent groups II, III registrant/detainees with pending benefits and without prior excludable convictions. • Visited Lancaster detention facility to interview over 300 Group I detainees to assure accessibility to and having counsel or should have NTA recalled and released. • Various community outreach programs including radio programs with INS director about updates. • Pro bono services. • Obtain accurate and confirmed policy implementations for bar members within their practice area.
2004-2005	Los Angeles Multi Cultural Advisory Committee.
2005	<p>State Bar of California and Los Angeles County Bar Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chair, Planning Committee, speaker and panelist in California State Bar's Bar Leaders' Conference Program 2005 • Co-chair. Program Committee, Inn of the Court, Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section 2005-2006.
2000-present	<p>Maleki Foundation, Executive Director, www.malekifoundation.org</p> <p>Sponsorships of events: (partial list)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacramento -2000 - Youth drug prevention program "Iranians Against Drugs" • Sacramento - 2003 - "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Is Peace Possible?" symposium • Los Angeles - 2003 – Multi Cultural meeting hosted for California Department of Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi. • Sacramento - 2003 - Loaves & Fishes' 20-Year Anniversary Interfaith Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. • Clean & Sober - Sacramento • Women's Empowerment – Sacramento

Law Firm's Professional Summary:

- Land Use and Business.
- Offices in Los Angeles and Sacramento.
- Corporate Broker in Charge and of Counsel to CA. Brokerage and finance firm.
- Recent projects: Structuring and negotiating preparation of private and public offerings, financing three 50 story tower developments in Northern California.

Event co-sponsorships: (partial list)

- **Sacramento 2000 - Youth drug prevention program "Iranians Against Drugs"**
Former congressman Campbell and Mr. Ashouri were guest speakers at "Say No to Drugs: Youth Drug Prevention Program" which was held at Capitol Plaza Halls in Sacramento in August of 2000. The gathering of Iranians at the event was in association with the Sacramento Sheriffs Department and was comprised of law enforcement officials, probation officers, and community leaders.
- **Sacramento - 2003 "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Is Peace Possible?" symposium**
The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Is Peace Possible" was a seminar presented by Marcia Freedman, who was elected to the Israeli Knesset as a member of the Citizen's Rights Movement, in association with Brit Tzedek V'Shelom, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace at The Grand in Sacramento on February 23, 2003.
- **Los Angeles 2003 - Multi Cultural meeting hosted for CA Dept of Ins. Commissioner John Garamendi**
Meeting hosted for California Department of Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi to provide a forum for community leaders and organizations to engage in proactive measures to inform and educate the community about various programs and concerns of the California Department of Insurance. Partial list of representatives attendees: South Asian Network (L.A.), Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (L.A.), Western Management (Sacramento), Union Bank (L.A.), Iranian American Lawyers Association (L.A.), and African Community Resource Center (L.A.).
- **Sacramento 2003 - Loaves & Fishes' 20-Year Anniversary Interfaith Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving.**
Held on January 19, 2003 in Sacramento, the Loaves & Fishes' 20-Year Anniversary Interfaith Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving celebrated 20 years of survival services for the homeless. The Native American Community, the Jewish Community, and the Muslim Community were brought together in celebration. The celebration included readings, dances, and songs from different faiths.

Other organizational affiliation and constituency co-sponsorships since 1995: (partial list)

- **Loaves & Fishes—co-sponsor**
Loaves & Fishes, started in the early 1980s, is a non-profit organization providing service to homeless individuals. With roots in the Judeo-Christian tradition, Loaves & Fishes advocate for the needs of the poor and homeless, providing numerous services, including food, medical screening, locker storage, showers, etc., to over 2500 different guests monthly. Loaves & Fishes does not receive money from the government; instead it relies on donations and volunteers, with many of its fundraising events and workshops hosted at the Capital Plaza Ballrooms' and The Grand in Sacramento. Loaves & Fishes has provided more than four million meals to homeless people.
- **Clean & Sober—co-sponsor**
Clean & Sober is a non-profit organization that is a branch of Loaves & Fishes. The organization has about 175 people in rehabilitation programs at any given time. The treatment programs begin with 12-step recovery meetings, providing clients with spiritual and emotional guidance. Program costs are paid through individual and corporate donations. The program provides one of the key steps to a life from drugs and alcohol, paving the way toward a life of sobriety and success. The annual fundraising event is sponsored at The Grand in Sacramento since its beginning ten years ago.
- **Women's Empowerment - co-sponsor**
Women's Empowerment, an initiative of Loaves & Fishes, is a safe, supportive program for women determined to move out of homelessness. The program's goal is to provide the trainings, mentoring, and support necessary for homeless women to obtain and maintain employment, resolve personal challenges, and develop self-confidence. Since its inception in 2001, Women's Empowerment has been a proud witness to nearly 262 graduates from its program. The success rate of these women remaining clean, employed, and housed is nearly 80 percent. The annual fundraising gala is sponsored at The Grand in Sacramento.



Pervaiz Lodhie

Pervaiz Lodhie, Founder & President/CEO of LEDtronics, Shaan Technologies Karachi, NBA Computers Karachi, a global pioneer in LED Lighting, engineering professional, entrepreneur and businessman for 35 years.

Prior to coming to the United States, Lodhie was responsible for setting up a world class woolen carpet yarn spinning plant for United/Axminster carpet manufacturer in Karachi.

He established LEDtronics in 1983 in Torrance California. Today, Ledtronics is one of the world's leaders in designing, manufacturing and packaging of energy efficient, environmentally friendly light emitting diode (LED) lamps to some of the world's largest Fortune 500 Companies.

Pervaiz holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from California State University at Los Angeles and was honored as its Alumni of the Year 1999. He was also the recipient of the United States Small Business Administration's Award for Excellence.

Pervaiz Lodhie founded and serves as Chairman of the Pakistani-American Business Executives Assoc. He is a Founding Director and Trustee of President Musharraf's Pakistan Human Development Fund. He is an active member of the US Trade Advisory Committee for Congresswomen Jane Harman, and was recently invited to serve as a member on the International Circle of the World Affairs Council, an honor he accepted with pleasure. Pervaiz also served as Chairman of the Industry Advisory Board for the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology at California State University, Los Angeles.

In 2004 Pervaiz Lodhie joined U.S. Pakistan Business Council at the U.S Chamber of Commerce. Same year he also became one of the Founding Directors of PAL-C, a historic initiative that brought about the successful Pakistan Congressional Caucus in the US Congress.

ISLAMIC CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (ICSC)

BRIEF OVERVIEW

- Established in 1953
- Membership organization – 450 members
- Provides religious and educational services
- Holds interfaith and social activities
- Membership elects 9 Directors for a 3-year term
- Controls
 - 4 schools (New Horizon campus - 600 students pre-K to 8th grade)
 - Publication – The Minaret
 - Education and Outreach Foundation
 - Mortuary
 - Bookstore
- A budget of multi-million dollars

ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL LOCKYER INTRO
Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee
October 17, 2005 – 6:00 p.m. – Los Angeles

In November 1998, Californians elected Bill Lockyer to the state's highest law enforcement post. Since then he has tackled complex challenges – like securing the integrity of civil rights protections – with forthright, commonsense solutions.

To stop discrimination before it happens and vigorously prosecute it when it does, he created the Department of Justice's first-ever Civil Rights Enforcement Section, the largest public civil rights law firm among all states.

To restore resident's confidence in their police department, he conducted a two-year civil rights investigation into the Riverside police department's practices after the Tyisha Miller shooting, resulting in the first-ever consent decree from an Attorney General.

To crack down on those who prey upon California's newest residents, he created the Office of Immigrant Assistance.

To ensure a swift response to hate crimes, he issued a Rapid Response Protocol, which deploys resources for the investigation, arrest, and conviction of those who commit hate crimes.

And now, please welcome California's 30th Attorney General, Bill Lockyer.

Keyvan (Kevin) Khadem

Community and Civic Activities:

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|-----------------|--|
| 1999 to Present | Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Beverly Hills
(Elected members consult on and decide about the affairs of the Faith in that community)

Co-chair and Chairperson |
| 1995 to 2004 | Rancho Park Rotary Club
(Rotary is a world wide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 167 countries.)

Past President 2000-2001
Officer
Board Member |
| 2000 to 2004 | Iranian American Educational Foundation
Board Member |

Profession

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1974 to present | Insurance Agent and Broker |
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THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

The Baha'i Faith is a religion followed by several million people in the world, from all countries and backgrounds.

- All these people believe in the unity of mankind.
- They believe that it is the differences between us which make life interesting, and that we should cherish these differences, not ignore them.
- They believe that there has only ever been one religion – the religion of God. God sent His Messengers to different places at different times so that everyone in the world could hear about Him.
- Baha'is believe that there is only one God, though people may call Him by different names. We can only learn about Him through His creation and His Messengers.
- Baha'is follow Baha'u'llah, the latest in the long line of Messengers sent by God to tell us how we should live and behave. The name Baha'u'llah means the Glory of God. Although He passed to the next world nearly a hundred years ago, Baha'u'llah wrote down everything we need to know to be able to build a better life here on earth and in the world to come.
- Baha'is believe that Christ, Muhammad, Buddha, Moses and Krishna were all Messengers from God.
- All of these Messengers promised a time when a great Messenger would come to bring peace to the whole world. Baha'is believe that Baha'u'llah was that Messenger and the time for peace is now.

Basic Principles of the Baha'i Faith

- The oneness of the world of humanity
- The foundation of all religion is one
- Religion must be the cause of unity
- Religion must be in accord with science and reason
- Independent investigation of truth
- Equality between men and woman
- The abolition of all forms of prejudice
- Universal peace
- Universal education
- A universal auxiliary language
- Spiritual solution of economic problems
- An international tribunal

Some Other Teachings

- We are created as noble and spiritual beings
- The family is the foundation of human society
- Marriage is a means for spiritual development of both partners
- Consultation is a dynamic process for finding truth and for solving conflicts and problems
- The soul continues after death

THE BAHÁ'IS

The Bahá'í Faith...

- is established in more than 190 countries
- is the second-most widespread independent world religion
- has significant communities in more countries than any other religion except Christianity
- is among the fastest growing religions in the world
- has some five million members who come from virtually every nationality, religious background, ethnic group, and social class

Bahá'u'lláh...

- was the founder of the Bahá'í Faith
- lived from 1817 to 1892
- was a Persian nobleman
- suffered 40 years of exile and imprisonment
- revealed more than 100 volumes of sacred writings
- was the most recent in the line of Messengers from God that includes Abraham, Krishna, Moses, Buddha, Zoroaster, Christ, and Muhammad

Bahá'u'lláh taught...

- that there is only one God
- that all of the world's religions represent one changeless, eternal Faith
- that all humanity is one race, destined to live in peace and harmony
- that the purpose of life on earth is to develop ourselves spiritually, in preparation for an everlasting existence hereafter

Bahá'í principles include...

- the oneness of humankind
- the equality of women and men
- full racial integration
- economic justice
- universal education
- the harmony of science and religion
- the adoption of a universal auxiliary language
- the creation of a world commonwealth of nations that will keep the peace through collective security

Bahá'ís...

- are working towards the creation of an ever-advancing, sustainable world civilization
- strive to uphold high moral standards in all their actions
- pray and meditate daily
- understand that strong and healthy families stand at the foundation of society
- have launched more than 3,000 educational, environmental, social and economic development projects, ranging from village-level tutorial schools to regional health campaigns to national literacy projects

The Bahá'í community...

- has no clergy and accepts no funds from outside
- conducts its affairs through a distinctive system of freely elected lay governing councils, which comprise a global network
- has established local Bahá'í governing councils in nearly 10,000 localities worldwide, and national councils in virtually every nation

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DOJ Community Relations Service
39. Steven Gomez
ASAC Oklahoma City

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SSA [redacted] and SA [redacted] opened the meeting by greeting the MCAC Committee Members. The focus of this meeting discussed the original mission of MCAC and manner in which to achieve such mission. [redacted] moderated the discussion. One of the main issues impeding the achievement of such mission noted by members from MPAC and the Shura Council was the need for the FBI to inform the members of any investigations regarding the impacted communities to made public by the FBI. Such members explained that it is difficult to say to their constituents that they have a working relationship with the FBI, when information regarding relevant investigations is made public by the FBI and they are unaware. FBI Los Angeles agreed to provide the press releases to MCAC members, via e-mail, at the same time the FBI is providing such press release to the media outlets. FBI Los Angeles also agreed to provide a briefing regarding such public information at the request of MCAC members. The MCAC members were pleased with such efforts. The meeting ended on a positive note and with members expressing their desire to move forward with the mission.

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SA [redacted] informed that an e-mail regarding the date and agenda of the next meeting would be sent to all MCAC members. The meeting then ended. Attached is the sign-in sheet and agenda for this meeting.

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Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee
Los Angeles Field Office

"The Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) endeavors to create an environment to facilitate dialogue and enhance the relationship between the FBI and the Community which is based on mutual respect, understanding, and the protection of Constitutional rights and civil liberties." Formed May 2004

September 28, 2005 General Meeting

Items:

1) Member Issues/Concerns:

Addressing MCAC member's forwarded issues/concerns continued from at 9-19 meeting.

2) Actions pending:

a) Town hall meeting

Final announcement draft and date
MCAC Panelists

b) Youth education, activities and events.

Update from members regarding respective youth related activities and coordination.

3) MCAC issuing a summary traveler's information from information provided by former MCAC speaker U.S. CBP, Area Port Director Ana Hinojosa.

4) Addressing post press conference meeting for MCAC members who don't have press passes to attend press conferences.

5) Update on inviting new organizations.

6) Next meeting date/location.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/24/2005

To: Los Angeles

From: Los Angeles

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Case ID #: 66F-LA-C236680 (Pending)

Title: LOS ANGELES ARAB/MUSLIM/SIKH
OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.

Synopsis: Document attendance of Assistant Director In Charge Stephen Tidwell, Supervisory Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] at Shura Council 5th Annual Ramadan Interfaith Banquet on Saturday, October 22, 2005.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items: (1) invitation to the Shura Council 5th Annual Ramadan Interfaith Banquet, (2) program of the Shura Council 5th Annual Ramadan Interfaith Banquet, and (3) pamphlet of sponsor Guidance Financial Group.

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Details: On Saturday, October 23, 2005, ADIC Tidwell, SSA [redacted] and SA [redacted] attended the Shura Council 5th Annual Ramadan Interfaith Banquet. Several government officials were in attendance such as Sheriff Lee Baca and representatives from the British Consulate and Los Angeles' Mayor's Office. In addition to other guest speakers, ADIC Tidwell addressed the audience and stated that he was pleased to be invited to the event and looked forward to working together with all communities in the greater Los Angeles area in keeping such communities safe. When the FBI was announced as being in attendance, the audience showed appreciation.

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Program

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM

5:45 PM

6:10 PM

6:30 PM to 7:15 PM

7:15 PM to 8:00 PM

8:00 PM

Social Gathering

Seating

Iftar (Breaking of the Fast) and Maghrib (Sunset) Prayers

Dinner

Guest Speakers and Keynote

Adjournment

Venue and Directions

Embassy Suites Hotel

11767 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840

Phone: 714-539-3300

Directions: From Freeway 5 (North or South) exit on Chapman Avenue and proceed west towards Disneyland, turn right on Harbor Boulevard, turn left on Hotels Street (first light). The hotel will be straight ahead

In the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset. It is a month of practicing self-control not just in eating and drinking but in behavior as well. It is a time of accelerated reflection and prayer, a time of spirituality and devotion, giving and sharing. Fasting in the month of Ramadan is the ultimate personalization of one's relationship with the Almighty God. Fasting (along with the declaration of faith, daily prayers, charity, and pilgrimage to Mecca) is one of the "five pillars" of Islam.)

5TH ANNUAL RAMADAN DINNER PROGRAM

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The Islamic Shura Council of Southern California appreciates and thanks the distinguished guests for their participation and to all the Shura members for their support to make this program successful. May Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala bless all – Ameen

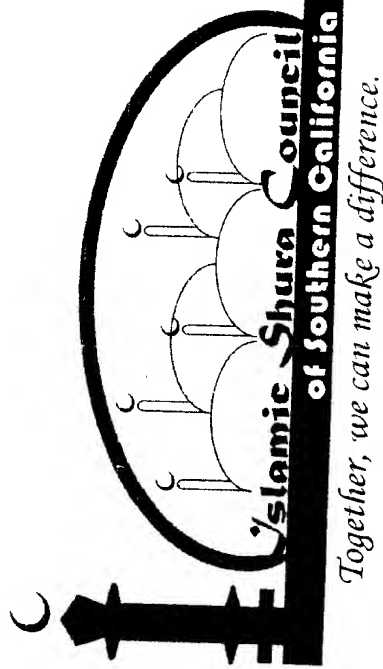
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In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

ISLAMIC SHURA COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 5TH ANNUAL RAMADAN DINNER PROGRAM

Ramadan - A Way to Spiritual Attainment



RAMADAN 19, 1426
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005

5:30-8:30 PM

PROGRAM

*Moderator: Yasser Awan
Reception*

Adhan — Call for Prayer Salim Ghazali

Translation of Adhan • Sameer Patel

Iftar (Breaking of the Fast)

Salat al-Maghrib (Prayers after Sunset)

Banquet Dinner Program

*Recitation from The
Glorious Qur'an
Translation*

Salim Ghazali

Welcome Address

Sameer Patel

*Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi
Chairman, Shura Council of
Southern California*

*Banquet Dinner and Introduction of Guests
Reflections*

*Professor Ben Hubbard
Department of Religion of
CSUF-Fullerton and
a Jewish Leader*

*Father Alexei Smith
Los Angeles Archdiocese*

*Dr. Maher Hathout,
Spokesperson of ICSC*

Government Relations

*Mr. Stephen Tidwell
Assistant Director, FBI LA*

*Douglas Nelson
LA Mayor's Office*

*Sheriff Lee Baca
County of Los Angeles*

PROGRAM

Second Annual Peace Award

*Closing Remarks & Imam Saadiq Saafir
Dua (Supplications) Vice Chairman of ICSC*

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE VERSES RECITED

*In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
All Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds;
Most Gracious, Most Merciful, Master of the Day of Judgment. Thee
(alone) we worship; Thee (alone) we ask for help. Show us the straight
way. The path of those whom Thou hast favored; Not the (path) of
those who earn Thine anger nor of those who go astray. Ameen*

*The Opening (Al-Fatiha) (Chapter 1: 1-7)
O ye who believe! Tasting is prescribed to you as it was
prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-
restraint. The month of Ramadan is that in which the Quran was*

*revealed; a guidance to men and clear proofs of the guidance and the
distinction; therefore whoever of you is present in the month, he shall
fast therein, and whoever is sick or upon a journey, then (he shall
fast) a (like) number of other days. Allah desires ease for you, and He
does not desire for you difficulty, and (He desires) that you should
complete the number and that you should exalt the greatness of Allah
for His having guided you and that you may give thanks.*

*The Cow (Chapter 2: 183, 185)
O mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a
female, and made you into nations and tribes, that ye may know each
other (not that ye may despise (each other). Verily the most honored of
you in the sight of Allah is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And
Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things).*

Private Homes (Chapter 49: 13)

Program Committee

Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, Chairman

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Case ID #: 66F-LA-C236680 (Pending)

Title: LOS ANGELES ARAB/MUSLIM/SIKH
OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.

Synopsis: Document the November 21, 2005 Multi-Cultural Advisory
Committee (MCAC) meeting.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed is the sign in sheet and minutes of the
November 21, 2005 MCAC meeting.

Details: On Monday, November, 2005, at 6 p.m., the monthly
Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting was held at the
FBI Office in Westwood, California. The following individuals
were in attendance:

1. [REDACTED]
Omar Ibn Al Khattab Foundation

2. [REDACTED]
Iranian American Lawyers Association

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CAIR

4.
MPAC

5. SSA [REDACTED]
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To: Los Angeles From: Los Angeles
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6. SA [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles

7. [REDACTED]
Free Muslim Coalition Against Terrorism

8. [REDACTED]
LEDTronics

9. ASAC Ethel McGuire
FBI Los Angeles

10. [REDACTED]
COPTIC Church

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11. [REDACTED]
Department of Homeland Security

12. [REDACTED]
Syriac Orthodox Church

13. [REDACTED]
Armenian Church

14. [REDACTED]
Shura Council of Southern California

15. [REDACTED]
Sikh Community

16. [REDACTED]
Bahai Foundation

17. [REDACTED]
COPAA

18. [REDACTED]
Syriac Orthodox Church

19. [REDACTED]
USC Muslim Student Union

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20. [redacted]
Masjid Al-Faitha of America
21. [redacted]
Sikh Community
22. [redacted]
Inter Religious Federation for World Peace
23. [redacted]
Immigration Attorney
24. [redacted]
Riverside Muslim Community
25. [redacted]
COPAA
26. [redacted]
Pakistani Chamber of Commerce
27. ADIC Steven Tidwell
FBI Los Angeles

SA [redacted] informed at the end of the meeting that an e-mail regarding the date and agenda for the next meeting would be sent to all MCAC members. Attached is the sign-in sheet and minutes for the above meeting.

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FBI MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)
NOVEMBER 21, 2005 MEETING

PRESENTATION:

- CDC [] presented a 30 minute Power Point presentation on the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). CDC [] presentation mainly focused on the rational as to why the FBI is not allowed to disclose information to the general public on pending investigations.

GENERAL MEETING:

PRIVACY CONCERNS

- SSA [] and SA [] stressed the importance of the members to provide the FBI with any issues/concerns raised by community members regarding actions taken by FBI personnel. SSA [] and SA [] explained that the proper manner in which to bring such concerns to the attention of the FBI was to contact either of them directly by phone or e-mail with the specific details. Also, for oversight purposes, there is no problem if a reporting party copies MCAC members regarding an issue as they report it to the FBI. However, out of concerns for fairness and privacy, the name of the Agent(s) central to the issue should be provided only to SSA [] or SA [] and not to members of MCAC. Once the matter has been investigated, the results will be provided to the MCAC members where warranted.
- With respect to requesting information regarding third parties, the FBI will try to assist if possible. However, the findings can only be provided to the party to which the information pertains.

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

- Scheduling MCAC's first town hall meeting was discussed. The committee discussed the need to agree on the message MCAC wanted to impart to the public and the style of town hall meeting before scheduling the first meeting.
- It was agreed that one absolute style was not for all town hall meetings. However, all members of MCAC should be able to come to a general agreement of desired topics prior to setting concrete date.
- It was also agreed that the purpose of the town hall meetings would be to alleviate community concerns/issues and to educate and inform the community about the FBI. Basically, the town hall meeting should serve as an extended representation of the MCAC meetings, but in the community setting.
- The location of future town hall meetings was also addressed. A neutral meeting place was suggested (i.e. a high school location was used previously). Churches and Mosques were also suggested as community members are accustomed to attending functions at

such locations.

- It was further discussed whether to continue to discuss the particulars of the town halls in a sub committee forum. It was agreed that because town halls are too important to MCAC, it should be discussed during general meetings. Although complete consensus will not be possible for any topic, the main goal is to be respectful of the various opinions as we work together.

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FBI MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)
APRIL 17, 2006 MEETING

Current Events:

- Youth Advisory Committee update by MCAC Member [REDACTED] y.
- CT ASAC Eric Velez-Villar addresses MCAC Members concerns over TSA security measures. FBI LA will invite TSA back to another MCAC meeting to discuss issues. MCAC Members noted that although individuals do find fault with the search and questioning procedures, they recognize this security is indeed necessary in order to protect us from possible attacks in the future. The goal is to work to find a happy medium.

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Discussion of April 8th Town Hall Meeting:

- Everyone agreed that the first town hall meeting was a success.
- In terms of future media exposure, consensus was that there should be more positive articles. Associated Press reporter Jeremiah Marquez was present at the MCAC meeting and his article regarding the April 8th town hall meeting was addressed with him. It was noted that Jeremiah's article does not intend to focus on negative images of Muslims complaining. Often times, after the journalist completes article, other information is added in by editors, thus changing the content.
- For the next town hall meeting, the members need to decide whether to invite the press. It was agreed that MCAC members needed to do more advertisement for the next MCAC meeting. It was also agreed that the ideal audience is approximately 150-200 people. After 200+ guests, is when the group dynamic starts to change and may become ineffective.
- MPAC noted that a "hook" was needed when advertising for the next town hall meeting. Ideas regarding a "hook" needed to be discussed at the next MCAC meeting.
- The next town hall meeting will most likely be held in Orange County. MCAC Member [REDACTED] volunteered the Islamic Society of Orange County's facilities.
- It was agreed to further discuss the particulars of the next town hall meeting at the May MCAC meeting.

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**AGENDA FOR APRIL 17, 2006 MEETING OF THE
MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)**

- 6:00P.M. - 6:15P.M. Meet and Greet
- 6:15P.M. - 6:30 P.M. Current Issues
 Media Matters
 -Associated Press Reporter Jeremiah Marquez
- 6:30P.M. - 6:45P.M. Update on Formation of Youth Advisory Committee
 MCAC Member
- 6:45P.M. - 6:55P.M. Break
- 6:55 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Review/Discussion of the Town Hall Meeting
- 8:00 P.M. Conclusion

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Title: LOS ANGELES ARAB/MUSLIM/SIKH
OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM .

Synopsis: Document the June 19, 2006 Multi-Cultural Advisory
Committee (MCAC) Meeting.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following documents: (1) the sign
in sheet, (2) agenda, (3) minutes of the June 19, 2006 MCAC
meeting,

Details: On Monday, June 19, 2006, at 6 p.m., the monthly Multi-
Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting was held at the FBI
Office in Westwood, California. The following individuals were
in attendance:

1. [redacted]
Omar Ibn Al Khattab Foundation
2. [redacted]
Iranian American Lawyers Association
3. [redacted]
Shura Council of Southern California
4. [redacted]
MPAC
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Free Muslim Coalition Against Terrorism
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Bahai Foundation
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Council of Pakistan American Affairs COPAA
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9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]
Jane Harman's Office, Field Representative

11. ADIC Steven Tidwell
FBI Los Angeles

12. SSA [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles

13. SA [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles

14. [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles

15. [REDACTED]
C.A.I.R.

16. [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] informed that the next MCAC meeting will be held on July 17, 2006. Attached is the sign-in sheet, agenda, minutes of the meeting

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**AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006 MEETING OF THE
MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)**

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| 6:00P.M. - 6:15P.M. | Meet and Greet |
| 6:15P.M. - 6:30 P.M. | Current Issues
-Confirm e-mail addresses |
| 6:30P.M. - 7:00 P.M. | Briefing on Youth Advisory Committee Meeting and Orange
County Town Hall Meeting concerning OC Register Article
-Joint Press Release |
| 7:00P.M. - 7:10P.M. | Break |
| 7:10 P.M. - 7:40 P.M. | Discuss Future Town Hall Meetings
* September Orange County Town Hall Meeting
(date/location)
* Identity Theft/Crimes Against Children/etc Presentations |
| 7:40 P.M. -8:00 P.M. | New Membership Process |
| 8:00 P.M. | Conclusion |

FBI MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)
JUNE 19, 2006 MEETING

Current Events:

- Community Relations Executive Seminar Training program (CREST) information is forthcoming (CREST is the condensed version of the Citizen's Academy)
- If interested in having ADIC Steven Tidwell meet with your constituents, please let know and he will be glad to schedule something with your group b6
- FBI internet site now has the press release up. It was also sent out to all the regular media outlets.
- Please help us bridge the gap between the community and the law enforcement agencies. You may serve as the liaison between the two, collecting anonymous information from the community (i.e. latest internet scams, immigration scams, crimes against children, identity theft, etc.) and pass this information onto our office.
- Information on the Orange County branch of the MCAC, with Town hall meeting details will be coming out soon

Town Hall Meeting Section:

- Below are questions that ADIC Tidwell asked the MCAC members:

Tidwell: Was it too much to have the experts on each subject matter present?
MCAC: Possibly. Perhaps it was due to the fact that not all supervisors were able to speak individually.
Tidwell: A possible solution could be to have tables set up with the subject matter experts seated individually, and with hand outs available. However, the community will still continue to have the opportunity to direct the majority of the Town Hall Meeting.
- Other concerns among members included the Press Release/Flyer. It was suggested that the document is too busy, with too much information. Maybe focus on only two strong points of information, in order to draw interest and attendance from the community. (i.e. using only identity theft and crimes against children)
- Orange County outreach should be active. Make yourself accessible. This is a process, and often a slow one, so please be patient.
- As an advisory committee, it's recommended that this organization needs to be prepared as well as possible before a Town Hall Meeting with the community. Although that is true, please remember that the FBI LA cannot comment on pending investigations, nor explain actions/specific situations that occurred in other divisions. We are trying to provide information to our local communities, and we will do the best we can to show that they can trust and communicate with us. At times, there will be questions that we simply cannot comment on, but we're not necessarily ignoring the issues at hand.

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Synopsis: Document the July 17, 2006 Multi-Cultural Advisory
Committee (MCAC) Meeting.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following documents: (1) the
sign in sheet, (2) agenda, (3) minutes of July 17, 2006 MCAC
Meeting, (4) brochures handed out by members regarding upcoming
events.

Details: On Monday, July 17, 2006, at 6:00pm, the monthly Multi-
Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting was held at the FBI
Office in Westwood, California. The following individuals were
in attendance:

1. [redacted]
Omar Ibn Al Khattab Foundation
2. [redacted]
Iranian American Lawyers Association
3. [redacted]
Sikh Center of Orange County
4. [redacted]
Free Muslim Coalition Against Terrorism
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U.S. Department of Justice
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9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]
Bahai Foundation
11. [REDACTED]
Council of Pakistan American Affairs COPAA
12. [REDACTED]
Jane Harman's Office, Field Representative
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FBI Los Angeles
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21. SA [REDACTED]
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22. [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles
23. [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles
24. Larry Fetters
TSA, Federal Security Director

SA [REDACTED] has informed MCAC members that the next meeting is being rescheduled from August 21, 2006 to August 28, 2006.

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**AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JULY 17, 2006 MEETING OF THE
MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)**

6:00 P.M. - 6:15P.M.	Meet and Greet
6:15 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.	Current Issues -Crimes Against Children presentation on 7/7/06 [REDACTED] -Youth Advisory Committee meeting on 7/20/06 [REDACTED] -Protesting at the Federal Building
6:30 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.	TSA - Larry Fetters, Federal Security Director
7:15 P.M. - 7:30P.M.	Break
7:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.	Discuss Future Town Hall Meetings * September Orange County Town Hall Meeting [REDACTED]
7:45 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	Website
8:00 P.M.	Conclusion

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FBI MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)
JULY 17, 2006 MEETING

Current Events/New Business:

- Website update: FBI Computer Specialists are currently in the process of putting something together for your review. We'll need a volunteer to work at moving it forward for MCAC. [REDACTED] has agreed to host the website for MCAC.
- The Islamic Institute of Orange County put on a program with information on Crimes Against Children. It provided key points for parents to be aware of to protect children from internet sexual predators. The response was amazing, and we'd like to have this type of program as a touring presentation for other mosques/churches interested in participating. [REDACTED] attended the presentation and spoke about the presentation during MCAC meeting.
- Tidwell offered to have our FBI SAFE team involved in future programs, to give the community additional information from the law enforcement side.
- Youth Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 26th at 7 p.m.
- Also, if anyone missed the last few e-mails, please do not hesitate to let us know. We're currently building a new system with the OCC, and once that is up and running, things will be running a lot smoother. Everything will be resolved shortly.
- The Japanese Committee is having an upcoming Parents Day. Please see the flyer for additional details on the event. All are welcome.
- The meeting with USC will take place on 8/29.
- 8/20 is Open Mosque Day throughout the Los Angeles area.
- The ICE SAC will be invited to our meeting at your request in the future.
- It was asked by the Congresswoman Jane Harman's Representative if MCAC is open to having regular observers attend the meetings. Also, he mentioned that many other area mosques are interested in being included for future meetings. MCAC members voted and agreed that there is a standing open invitation to Congressional Office to sit in on the meetings. This opportunity will be introduced to the Congressional Staff at the Joint Regional Intelligence Center meeting on 8/10.
- Remember to put applications in for the Citizen's Academy if interested!!!

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Larry Fetters, TSA Federal Security Director at LAX:

- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is the newest Federal entity since 9/11. It took over the screening of passengers, employees, baggage/luggage and overall airport security. It is one of 22 agencies under the Department of Homeland Security.
- TSA has 3 main functions:
 - Screening passengers, checked luggage, carry on items, cargo, etc.
 - Law enforcement aspects (i.e. air marshals)
 - Authority to oversee airline, cargo shippers, etc. from a security standpoint
- There are 2 goals TSA seeks to accomplish:
 - To provide world class security (meaningful, effective, tolerable)
 - To provide world class customer service

- LAX has been deemed an identified, documented target in California, however, it is also one of the safest airports to travel through America as well. Because of the vigilance in the law enforcement community, and the great security presence on site, it is deemed a secure environment.
 - Tips to reduce frustration and allow easier travel through LAX:
 - ▶ Plan ahead! Think about what you're going to pack ahead of time. Ensure that prohibited items are not included (i.e. Swiss army knives, toy guns, etc.) Pre-plan the travel. Go to <http://www.tsa.gov> to find out wait times for flights, list of prohibited items, airline rules, etc.
 - ▶ If carrying a laptop, take it out of the case at the security check point.
 - ▶ Take off coats and outer or bulky garments before you go through security. It will reduce the time in line.
 - ▶ A good idea (but not required) is to take your shoes off while walking through security. You never know what shoes are on the list for screeners to look for.
 - ▶ As you approach the screeners, take metal items out of your pocket, and off your body before you set off the detectors. This will help to avoid unnecessary secondary screening. Put the items (change, jewelry, belts, pagers/cell phones, wallet, etc.) in a ziplock or other bag and then slip it into the carry-on item that will run through the X-ray machine. When the screeners are finished, you'll know exactly where to find your belongings, and they will be secure within your bag.
 - ▶ Always remember that you can request a private screening with a same gender screener. A wand search will be done, as well as a pat down. This is a good idea for pacemaker patients.
 - Selectee List: 1 who is consistently sent to secondary screening due to law enforcement lists, or possibly common/unidentifiable names. Random security checks (the SSSS) are treated the same as selectee individuals.
 - No Fly List: government/law enforcement agencies deemed individual unable to fly. These people usually know that they're on the list.
- Mr. Fetters also provided the following customer service phone numbers: (310)242-2911 and (310)215-5370.

Questions from FBI MCAC to Larry Fetters:

- How well are screeners themselves screened before hired?
 - ▶ *Anyone working at airports completes full background investigation with criminal record/history checks, credit checks, etc. Unknown numbers of people have access to airports, but they have special screening areas for those employees as well (including food services, maintenance, etc.).*
- What about smaller airports? What types of security measures are taken?
 - ▶ *Commercial aviation is under the jurisdiction of the Federal government (TSA). Smaller general aviation airports have an outreach program, but TSA does not have presence there.*
- Many Muslims believe they're targets at secondary screening. What is your response to that?
 - ▶ *The screening process is totally random and unpredictable. Muslims are not targeted solely on the reason that they're Muslim. The screeners are trained to*

look for specific behavior, not race. However, there is diversity training that focuses cultural sensitivity.

- Where is a good place to pray in the airport? Many other airports, such as Washington D.C., have designated places (non-denominational chapels and such) for worship. What do you suggest is best for prayer at LAX?
 - ▶ *There is no "perfect" place for prayer. It's best to go off to the side to pray. Of course, it is possible that unnecessary attention is drawn to you, however, please continue to practice your faith. Do what you need to do. I'd like to speak to you later and assist you in submitting a formal request (through the appropriate channels) for a future (designated) place to pray.*
- What about the cases where the No Fly list selects a child with the same name?
 - ▶ *The FBI is contacted and they have the authority to deem suitable for boarding. They sort out the information and provide the accurate details (correct DOB, POB, etc.), however, there are steps to correct it if needed. Procedures are taken to update the information or rectify problems.*
- The concerns of the community are mainly two things: who is the point of contact to check the status of a request to be removed from the list? and who provides Intel outside of the government agencies?
 - ▶ *If you need to speak to someone regarding the list, you can go to the TSA website and click on the Office of the Ombudsperson. Since TSA doesn't create the list, it's not really in their hands. They just receive the list; they can't change/update it at all. TSA has merely set up this procedure for request to remove/update as a courtesy to the general public. The Ombudswoman for this area is Kimberly Walton. If you need to speak to TSA customer service for any reason, please contact (310) 242-2911. To reach Larry's office, you can call [REDACTED]*
- You asked us to trust that the screening process is color blind. But what do we tell the people who are always "randomly" selected?
 - ▶ *Please take the information previously discussed into your community. Please remember that not all details are given in an incident when accounts are told. For instance, an individual contacted me and said they were always randomly selected. It turned out that he neglected to share that he wears army boots each time he flies. Those will guarantee a secondary check because they're bulky. Or maybe the way you execute your plans could shed light on it as well. Habits, etc (i.e. one way travel paid with cash within 24 hrs will set a flag off). We do not profile, it is all behavior oriented.*
- Do you have agents/offices in other countries for screening?
 - ▶ *No TSA screening or U.S. Government Agency representatives or standards are in other countries. No agents are in the airports. Pacts have not been developed between other countries. Often people have to be re-screened before returning home. If you fly internationally, you will be patted down, not on the U.S. authority, but based on the decision of the other country.*

- To what extent does TSA engage in education of behavioral profiling? Who trains on the subject?
 - ▶ *Airlines receive the training from TSA. They're required by Federal regulation to report airport security incidents to TSA.*

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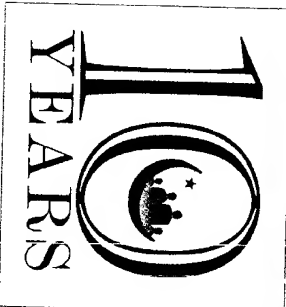
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10th Nikkei Parents' Day Festival

Parents' Day Celebrated with New Mayor



Antonio Villaraigosa joins five couples honored for lifetime dedication as parents.

By Ted Miyagi

The Japanese and Asian community celebrated the 10th Nikkei Parents' Day Festival on Sunday, July 24, at the Japan America Theatre in downtown Los Angeles. The Nikkei Parents' Day Festival is known as one of the largest National Parents' Day programs in the United States.

The celebration reached new heights this year with the appearances of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, County Sheriff Leroy Baca and Consul General of Japan Yoshio Nomoto after the opening address by Chairman Henry Yasuda. Mayor Villaraigosa said, "Being a parent is the toughest job," and appreciated parenting programs like the Nikkei Parents' Day Festival.

The Festival included speech contests and a display of children's art works on the theme of parents and family. Every year the committee receives over 400 art entries for the contest and approximately 100 art works are selected and displayed in the theater lobby. Speech contest winners were: Taito Ozaki (Elementary Division), Kiyoko Kaaya (Mid/High Schools Division) and Akiko Asami (College/Adult Division). Art contest winners were: Nagisa Maeda (Gold Award), Hidetoshi Omiya (Silver Award) and Nagisa Shiota (Bronze Award).

Highlight of the program was the Parents of the Year Award Ceremony. Five sets of



model parents were selected this year among the applicants who were nominated by various community organizations. The awardees were: Shinta and Toshiko Asami (Buena Park), Soichiro and Chikako Mary Hori (Placentia), Paul and Spring Iwata (Van Nuys), Bruce and Frances Midori Kaji (Gardena) and Eizo and Aiko Yasuda (Cerritos). Each set of parents received a plaque from the Nikkei Parents' Day Coalition and also a Resolution from the Los Angeles City Council and a Commendation from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Opening the Parents of the Year Ceremony, video clips from the National Parents' Day DVD with ten years flash back of all our awardees were shown. While the video was rolling, Charlie Okamura sang "The Impossible Dream" which reinforced the sense of family values of our awardees. He then introduced the Parents of the Year 2005.

President George W. Bush proclaimed Sunday, July 24, as "Parents' Day" to call upon citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. Special messages from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, United States Senators Daniel Inouye and Dianne Feinstein and Chair of the LA County Board of Supervisor Gloria Molina were printed together with many other representatives of

major community organizations. More than 800 people with many VIPs attended the event from the community.

One year's preparation is needed to prepare for an event like this and is made only possible because of the many dedicated volunteers. At the reception, which followed the program, seven volunteers were recognized with Certificate of Appreciation signed by Howard Self, Executive Director of The American Family Coalition and James Flynn, President of The American Family Coalition.

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2005 Nikkei Parents of the Year

Eizo and Aiko Yasuda

Presented at Nikkei Parents Day Festival

by Stan Yasuda

Honored guests, families and friends, good afternoon. My name is Stan Yasuda, and on behalf of my sister, Janet Yasuda Fuji, and my brother, Glenn, I would like to thank the Nanka Kagoshima Kenjinkai and the Nikkei Parents Day Coalition for honoring our parents, Eizo and Aiko Yasuda, with this wonderful award.

Our father, Eizo, was born in 1925 in Monterey, California and returned to Japan at the age of two with his mother and two older brothers. He and his six siblings were raised in Japan by his father Jinnai, and his mother Teru. With limited funds but unlimited determination he returned by himself to the United States in his early twenties. He met Aiko Mayemura and they were married in 1955. He started as a gardener and worked multiple jobs to support our family while also managing to be active in the leadership of the Nansatsu Dokyojinkai in the 1960's through the 1980's. In 1970, he took on the challenge of purchasing and running a family store. As children, we saw him work tirelessly each day to make a better life for our family. All the while, he encouraged us to seek our own better futures through education and I know that he takes great pride in the fact that we all received our college degrees and have had success in our chosen professions.



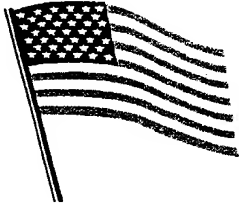
While our father's energy and constant desire to excel inspire us, our mother Aiko is our family's heart and soul. Also a Kibei Nisei, she was born in the United States and at the age of two, went to live in Japan with her father Seiji Mayemura, her mother Kiye and her two older brothers, Hiroshi and Katsumi. Not long after moving to Japan, she lost her mother to illness and her father returned to America, leaving her and her brothers to live with their grandparents during the war. Having spent most of her childhood without her mother or her father, she has always placed the highest priority on family. She remembers every birthday, anniversary and special occasions with a card and a phone call and she is happiest when all of her family surrounds her. She loves nothing more than preparing meals for large family get-togethers and delights in spending time with her grandchildren whether at birthday parties, school functions, baseball games or other special occasions. When our father was stricken with asthma and had to be hospitalized on several occasions, she took over running the family business and comforted all of us with her quiet strength. She is undeniably our family's emotional and spiritual center.

We know that our parents feel that they've led ordinary lives, but to us they have been extraordinary role models. Through their words and more importantly, their actions, our parents have set an example for us our entire lives. We saw them working 12 to 16 hour days, side by side, to provide us with financial security. Even then, we always had dinners



together as a family, even if that dinner was in the backroom of the family store. From them we've learned to appreciate the rewards that come from hard work, the importance of treating others with honesty and respect, and to always look and hope for the best in people. They've taught us to value the blessings of family and friends above material things, and they've helped us to understand that love can be expressed in countless ways, not the least of which are patience, faith, forgiveness and sacrifice. From the handmade wooden airplanes that our father created for each of his grandsons to the special celebratory meals that our mother prepares throughout the year, and by their constant devotion, they continue to demonstrate their love for us in the special ways that only parents can. And so we are extremely grateful and equally proud that in this, the year of their golden wedding anniversary, they are being honored as Parents of the Year.





National Parents' Day

Parents' Day was signed into law by President William Clinton in October 1994. Senator Orrin Hatch (R) Utah, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee was a co-sponsor of the bill along with Senator Joe Biden (D) Delaware. Congressman Floyd Flake (D) New York and Dan Burton (R) Indiana jointly sponsored the House Resolution.

The bill established the fourth Sunday in July as Parents' Day, "to be recognized as a recurring perennial day of commemoration. All private citizens, organizations and governmental and legislative bodies at local, State, and Federal levels are encouraged to recognize Parents' Day through proclamations, activities, and educational efforts in furtherance of recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of their children."

National Parents' Day Coalition

The National Parents' Day Coalition (NPDC) is a nonprofit, educational organization and the natural outgrowth of a grassroots coalition that came together in 1994 to support the Federal Legislation designating the fourth Sunday in July as Parents' Day.

The goals of the coalition include: 1) establishing a diverse coalition of organizations and individuals to support the spirit of the law of Parents' Day; 2) establishing a national resource center, information network; and 3) developing projects that facilitate public education about marriage, family life, responsible and effective parenting. The Coalition works to ensure that the public is aware of Parents' Day, the newest national holiday.

Nikkei Parents' Day Festival

In 1994, President Clinton designated the fourth Sunday in July as "Parents' Day" to recognize emphasize the importance of, and support the role of parents, in the rearing of their children: and urged communities to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities and education efforts."

In response to this proclamation, the Nikkei Parents' Day Festival was formed in 1996, to showcase exemplary parents within the Japanese American Community in Southern California with a Nikkei Parents of the Year Award.

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Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following documents: (1) the sign
in sheet, (2) agenda, (3) minutes of August 28, 2006 MCAC
Meeting, (4) two letters received by LAFO, (5) Flyer advertising
the Arab-American Festival 9/8 -9/10/2006, (6) copy of webpage
from intranet, (7) News articles of MCAC in Chicago and Ohio

Details: On Monday, August 28, 2006, at 6:00pm, the monthly
Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting was held at the
FBI Office in Westwood, California. The following individuals
were in attendance:

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SA [redacted] informed MCAC members that the next meeting will be held September 18, 2006. The above mentioned enclosures are attached.

**AGENDA FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2006, MEETING OF THE
MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)**

6:00 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.	Meet and Greet
6:15 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	Current Issues/ Upcoming events -Arab American Day Festival, September 8-10, 2006 -Supervisor's meeting September 6, 2006 -Recent articles: *Ohio's Multicultural Outreach Plan *Chicago's MCAC
7:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.	Website update
7:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Break
7:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.	Discuss Future Town Hall Meetings *(date/location) -Alternate meeting location
7:45 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	New Membership Process
8:00 P.M.	Conclusion

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FBI MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)
AUGUST 28, 2006 MEETING

Current Events/New Business:

- Arab American Day Festival is on 9/8/06. It is FREE! FBI Recruiters will be present all three days to meet people and provide information. Please see flyer for additional details on this event.
- The quarterly supervisors meeting for the Los Angeles Field Office will be a type of informational session (sort of an Islam 101 course). Education is needed for our management, and we're looking to expand our knowledge together. If anyone else would like to host the FBI, please let us know and we'll definitely be there. Thanks!
- ADIC Tidwell is meeting with USC administration on Tuesday 8/29/06. This is the only school so far that has requested a meeting.
- Please see the articles in the hand outs for the MCAC groups in other offices. If you see anything that interests you, or have any new ideas from these articles, please let us know.
- Fox National News wanted to do a piece on MCAC. Basically, they didn't tell the entire story of it, and provided a true disservice to the public, as well as our group. They informed the community that the FBI is spying on/monitoring certain groups. Also CNN interviewed Zabie in reference to the youth group, but they definitely tried to put a negative spin on the interview. Although Zabie held up quite well, and the questions were answered wonderfully, he agreed that although MCAC members should be mindful of what is said to the media, although there isn't much that can be done after the producers edit the content.
- See the hand out on the outline for the MCAC website. The page given was a sample from the FBI intranet site that had a section on the MCAC. Please note that the content was just something to give you an idea of the site outline. There are meetings in progress to discuss the ideas for the external website. The small team that is working on it is requesting your input. Phone meetings will occur every two weeks. We need to find skills for updating/maintaining the site, and additional ideas on how to fund the domain. It will have to be an entity completely independent from the FBI, due to strict Headquarters regulations. However, there will be a link to the MCAC site from the FBI Los Angeles website. Press releases will also be available with information regarding the liaison between the FBI and MCAC.
- Per ADIC Tidwell: Many individuals are requesting additional information and further descriptions regarding the specific characteristics on wanted individuals. At this time, we cannot describe what specific characteristics they possess, however, it must be noted that it is more of a behavior. This cannot be pinpointed, and currently the message to the public is to "stay vigilant". We understand that there is no way that the community can be vigilant if they do not know what to look for; however, we currently need to be clear that these new "home grown" groups are just that: self trained, self funded, self radicalizing, home grown groups. Although there are still camps out there, many of these groups are indeed home grown. We must recognize that these are the real threats today, and this information will be crucial, and need to be given to our communities.
- We're currently in discussion with FBI Headquarters regarding the need for the public to

have specific, sort of checklists/guidelines on what behaviors to be aware of.

Additionally, stronger parent education is critical, since many of these groups are young adults/children.

- We need to establish a location and theme for the next Town Hall Meeting (currently scheduled for November). We'll email everyone with a outline/platform for the meeting to operate from.
- The Islamic Society would like to host the November meeting, if possible. The City of Anaheim (Brookhurst Center) is also another possible venue. At this time, we are open to all invitations, including places of worship, not just community centers that are non-faith based. We need to be able to bring this informational group to all types of people, not just those active within their religion. We may be alternating locations in the future (e.g. November at the Islamic Society, and the next meeting at a community hall/center)
- Publicity for the next TH meeting (other than the flyer/press release given to members for distribution) needs to be budgeted accordingly. Please plan ahead, and allow us to do so as well. Let us know by the next meeting so that we have sufficient time and funding for the ads. Additionally, all the discounted rates (and donations) from the last set of ads were greatly appreciated. Keep up those fundraising and sponsorship ideas!
- The first meeting of the Orange County/Inland Empire MCAC will be scheduled for January 2007 in the Santa Ana Resident Agency office of the FBI. It will give us the opportunity for each entity to grow (membership-wise). Maybe one time each quarter, both MCACs will convene.
- New membership process: if organization wants to be a part of the MCAC, they must identify themselves as a valid non-prophet, community serving group. The basic criteria include: who they are, what they do, and who their members are. They need to be in a leadership position and have access to a group of constituents or the community. They need to submit the nomination/application document that we created earlier. If you have groups that you'd be interested in inviting to the meetings, we'll have an open house and take it from there. Your input is appreciated.



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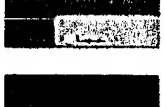
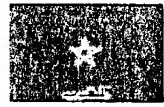
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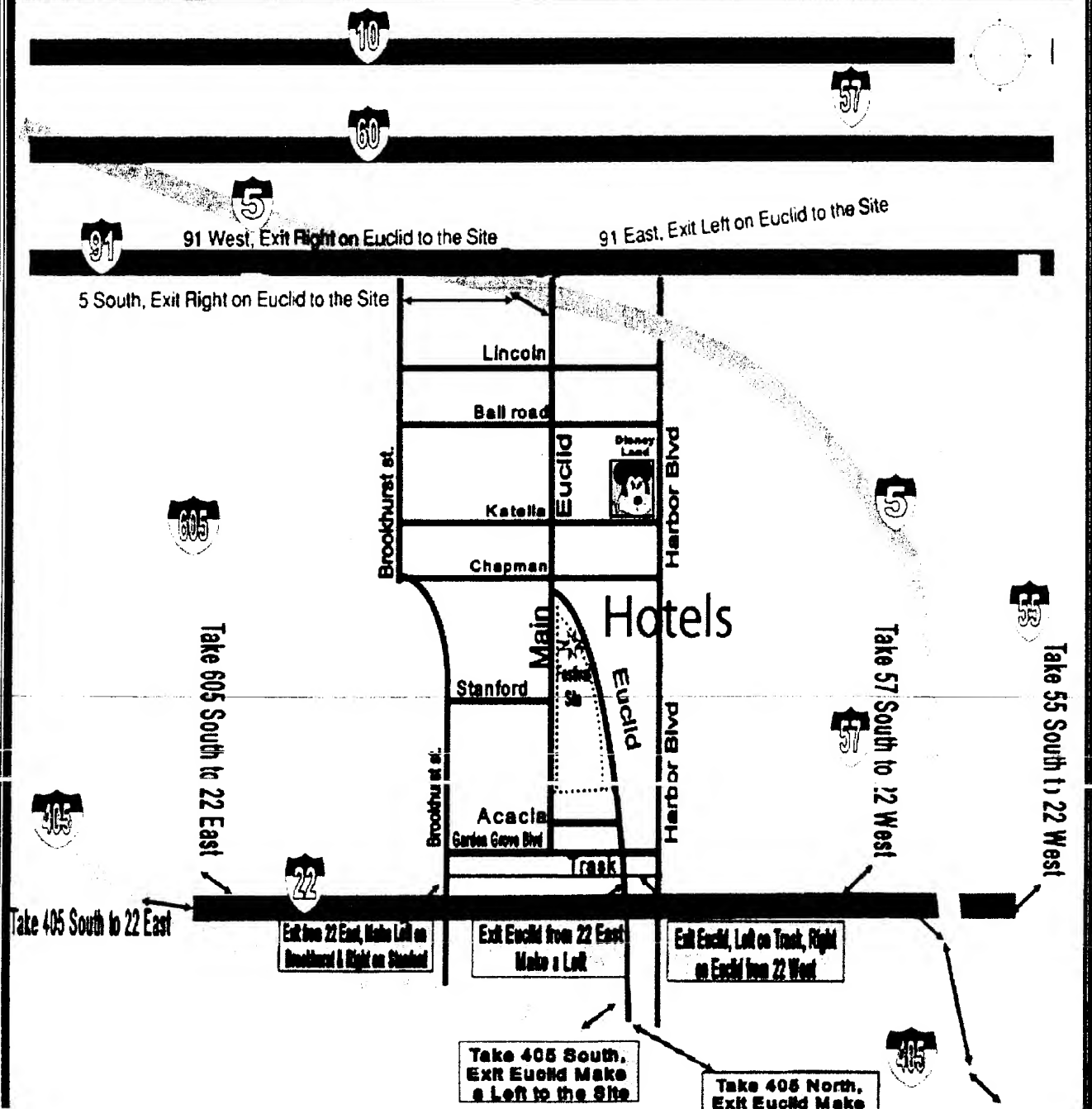


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Arab American Council

Mr. Ahmad Alam and a group of leading Arab American Figures had a vision of founding an Arab American Day Festival that would bring together the Arab American Community, to celebrate their mutual heritage and strengthen their economic relations and to promote a positive image about Arab Americans in the United States.

In order to achieve this vision officially, Mr. Alam and a group of local Arab Americans have founded the Arab American Council in April 25 1996. It was registered in Orange County CA as a non profit organization which is dedicated to the cultural, social and economical advancement and prosperity of the Arab American Community in America regardless of race , religion or any political affiliation.

The AAC has started as an Umbrella Organization for The Arab American Day Festival, which was the main agenda of the council during the past nine years.

Meanwhile The AAC has realized and initiated other projects in accordance with its main objectives.

The AAC agenda is as follow:

1-The Arab American Day Festival:

After initiating this event for the first time in September 1996, the council has lobbied the local authorities and obtained an official recognition in September 1997 from the State of California. However, September 21st was proclaimed as the Arab American Day. Since that year the Council was mainly working on preparing annually for the Arab American Day Festival. Its aim was to ensure the growing success of this event in Southern California and to sustain it as an annual tradition in the area. Now that it became an important cultural Arab American tradition in our area, the AAC started thinking of preparing a plan to expand this experience to other States in the U.S. for the whole benefit of all Arab Americans in America.

2-The Arab World News:

The AAC has established an Arab American Newspaper called "the Arab World News ". The first issue was published in June 1998. It is an independent newspaper dedicated to be an ARAB American forum for conveying news and various points of view, and to promote the Arab American businesses and various services and advertise them regularly. It is also an important forum to announce various Arab American projects and events. The Arab World News is distributed in most southern California areas and in 27 U.S. States. During the last two years The Arab American Council adopted three

more projects that fits its main objectives:

3-The “Arab Town” Project:

On July 14th 2000, The Arab Town Project has started to materialize in the City of Anaheim, where most of Arab Communities and Businesses existed. The AAC has encouraged and helped Arab Americans to Open and expand their businesses in this Area. The Arab World News started publishing and advertising the Map of the Arab town with its index.

In 2001 the AAC has initiated good communications with the local authorities about obtaining an official recognition of this Town on the same level as the Chinatown.

4-The “Arab House” Project:

For many years the Arab Americans dreamed of having an appropriate piece of property where they can build a complete recreational and multi-services compound that will answer their needs as a community. Mr. Ahmad Alam with the support of a group of Businessmen have presented to the Arab American business community a complete vision of this large scale investment based on a shareholding system. The project is still in the advertisement stage, the AAC has already located the appropriate piece of land (15 acres) for this project, and many businessmen did send letters of intent to invest in The Arab House.

5-The United Arab American Chamber of Commerce: (<http://www.uaacc.com>)

The United Arab American Chamber of Commerce is an association of business people dedicated to improving the Arab American Businesses and Lobbying for the Arab American interests . The Chamber represents hundreds of businesses in Orange County, Ca ,the heart of wealthiest county in the nation. It is rich in business and ethnic diversity. It is the home of different great communities .

Large, medium, and small Arab American businesses from various industries and professions are members. Each new member adds one more voice to the strength of our business community. The Chamber accomplishes collectively what no one business can do alone.

Join the Chamber if you want to maximize your time and resources and expand your customer base, grow your business and gain and be an active member of the Arab American community.



WELCOME TO THE ARAB AMERICAN DAY FESTIVAL



Mission Statement

Enabling the Arab American Community to play a strong role in the American Life and to bring our people together from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds promoting tolerance and understanding among all Americans.

300'000 People have attended the Arab American Day Festival, we hope to reach and break this number to 400'000++ this year.

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■ Mission Statement

The Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) endeavors to create an environment to facilitate dialogue and a relationship that is based on mutual respect, understanding, and upholding Constitutional rights and civil liberties."

■ First meeting held on May 17, 2004.

■ The Assistant Director and other FBI personnel of the Los Angeles FBI and MCAC Members have been meeting on a monthly basis for over two years to discuss issues and concerns in the Muslim communities. (3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm - ADIC Conference Room 15th floor LAHQ).

■ Members of MCAC include the following:

- Bahai Faith - Beverly Hills Spiritual Assembly
- Muslim Public Affairs Council
- Council of Pakistani American Affairs
- Masjid Al-Faitha of America
- Council on American Islamic Relations
- Free Muslims Coalition
- Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Foundation
- Inter Religious Federation for Religious Peace
- Pakistani Chamber of Commerce
- Iranian American Lawyers' Association
- Pakistan-American business Executives
- Islamic Center of Orange County
- Shura Council of Southern California
- Islamic Center of Southern California
- Sikh Society
- Synac Orthodox Foundation
- Los Angeles Latino Muslim Association
- US COPTS Association


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THE FBI FEARS HOMEGROWN ATTACKS

Agent Grant said that Osama Bin Ladin has transformed from a battlefield commander to an inspirational figure. He said the government remains concerned about Al Qaeda agents from outside the U.S. bringing weapons of mass destruction into the U.S., but the more likely threat comes from self-motivating individuals in the U.S. coming together to form well-trained, disciplined groups who decide on their own to launch attacks because of their opposition to American governmental actions, like the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan. (He said these types of local groups were responsible for the 2004 Madrid bombings and the 2005 London bombings.) He is concerned about such groups making bombs, using publicly available information and materials, and attacking trains in Chicago. He said angry individuals may be inspired by a leader and by videos on the Internet. (He said there are over 4,000 pro-Al Qaeda websites on the Internet.)

Agent Grant said the FBI is not concerned about Muslims criticizing U.S. policy, but the FBI is concerned about anti-American rhetoric that encourages violence. (He cited the example of Matthew Hale, imprisoned former head of the "World Church of the Creator," a white supremacist leader who inspired his followers to launch racial attacks in Chicagoland a few years ago.) Agent Grant said such encouragement likely takes place behind closed doors, not publicly. He said inspirational leaders look for people who are susceptible to manipulation.

Agent Grant said that such plots are hard to detect using wiretaps and other intelligence tools. Instead, they are more likely to be detected by local police who have good relations with local communities. (He said that local police and neighbors in London should have known that something suspicious was going on in the apartment where the bombs were being made in 2005; for example, plants were dying outside the apartment, because of dangerous chemicals inside the apartment, but neighbors never brought this to the attention of local law enforcement, and law enforcement was not on the lookout for clues regarding the presence of chemicals.) He said such plots have been discovered in various cities in the U.S. Agent Grant said that local Muslims should notify law enforcement if there is someone the local community is concerned about.

Abdul Malik Mujahid said many Muslims are skeptical about the existence of domestic terror plots. He said the government has been watching Muslims since 9/11, so if there were plots, they would have been discovered already. He said he is not aware of local imams who advocate isolation from American society (such as opposition to getting involved in American politics), the way a Canadian imam, arrested in June 2006 on terrorism charges, did. Abdul Malik Mujahid said he is aware of online praise by some Muslims for violence, but he asked how other Muslims could tell when someone using heated rhetoric was really dangerous, rather than just letting off steam.

Agent Grant said one sign of possible danger is when a group of Muslims change their behavior (as the London bombers did) or separate from the rest of the Muslim community.

Agent Grant also expressed concern about angry, young Muslim prison inmates being recruited for attacks. Therefore, he said,

the FBI is concerned about who is preaching to prisoners, and whether the preachers express hatred for America. Agent Grant cited the example of Muslim prisoners and ex-prisoners in California who were charged in August 2005 with planning to attack National Guard facilities, synagogues, and the Israeli Consulate in Los Angeles.

Agent Grant also expressed concern about individuals acting alone. He cited the example of a North Carolina Muslim who was charged in March 2006 with attempted murder and felony assault after he attempted to run people over with an SUV. Nine people were injured. He wrote a letter to the media saying his attack on Americans was in retaliation for U.S. military attacks on Muslims overseas.

FBI INVESTIGATIONS IN CHICAGO

Agent Grant said the FBI investigates anytime they learn of a possible threat. He said the FBI has six teams working on terrorism investigations in Chicago. He said that most people who are investigated are ultimately cleared by the FBI.

He said that, around the country, the FBI has investigated Muslims whose phone numbers were found in computers that were found in Al Qaeda caves in Afghanistan after the U.S. invasion; Muslims who trained in Al Qaeda camps in Afghanistan before 9/11; Muslims who donated money to groups designated by the U.S. government as terrorist organizations; and Muslims who have made statements public or private statements in support of violence, including statements supporting the 9/11 attacks.

CHICAGOLAND IRAQIS HELPED THE FBI

Agent Grant said that Chicagoland Iraqis, who were interviewed prior to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, provided the U.S. government with information on who needed to be captured in Iraq.

THE FBI WANTS AN ENDORSEMENT FROM MUSLIM LEADERS

Agent Grant said there are Muslim agents working in the Chicago FBI office. He said young Muslims should not feel like the government is their enemy. He said young people should be encouraged to go into law enforcement, but the FBI cannot effectively recruit Muslims, because the FBI is perceived to be hostile to the Muslim community. He said that if Muslim leaders and parents believe that it's good for young Muslims to pursue law enforcement careers, they can successfully encourage young Muslims to join law enforcement.

Abdul Malik Mujahid said it would be difficult to convince Muslims to join the FBI, because many Muslims believe the Muslim community has been unfairly targeted by law enforcement. He said Muslims were offended when the government scanned mosques for radioactivity (from dirty bombs or nuclear weapons). He also raised concerns about the government's use of sting operations that encourage Muslims to join terror plots. He said many Muslims feel like second-class citizens.

PROTECTING MUSLIMS IF THERE IS ANOTHER ATTACK IN AMERICA

Abdul Malik Mujahid expressed concern about possible mob violence against Muslims if there is another terrorist attack in America. He expressed appreciation for local law enforcement officials who helped protect the Mosque Foundation after 9/11.

Agent Grant said it is wrong to judge all Muslims for the acts of a few, but he expects that if there is another attack in the U.S., there will be another backlash against Muslims. He said he hopes such a backlash will not be worse than the backlash that occurred after 9/11. If there is another attack, he said mosques should contact local law enforcement for protection. On 9/11, local law enforcement officials may not have known where local mosques were, he said, so they may not have sent protection to local mosques right away. But now, law enforcement officials know where local mosques are, and they might send protection to mosques even before mosques call for help. He said the FBI investigated hate crimes after 9/11, and it will do so in the future as well.

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While military response is important in this war, it does not guarantee a solution for eliminating terrorism in the long run. The threat of global terrorism requires using more efforts in creating new fronts critical for success. These fronts should include among other things understanding the root causes for terrorism (without having to agree with them); agents of extremism; factors that lead to radicalization; differences in religions; and above all knowledge of global cultures. Building bridges of understanding among world cultures requires communication, connection and mutual respect. This is not a new approach to tackle threats and dangers like terrorism, but they don't seem to have been utilized enough to address human conflicts, hate and anger. Politically, culturally and diplomatically, we can create an environment conducive to human cooperation with less conflict and violence

As we have begun our campaign against terrorism, prevention becomes very important. It requires technologies, intelligence, cooperation and above all the active support of all citizens in this fight. Some groups in particular we need to work with are Arab and Muslim Americans. There are approximately 200,000 Arab and Muslim Americans live in the State of Ohio. These communities had been affected by the events of 9/11 on many levels:

1. Arabs and Muslims are as much target of terrorism as any other group.
2. Many Arabs and Muslim Americans lost loved ones on 9/11
3. Arabs and Muslim Americans were and still to some extent the target of hate and discrimination (guilty by name, look, and ethnicity) by some people.

To avoid profiling and discrimination, Arab and Muslim Americans began a self-imposed seclusion and isolation that resulted in less public visibility and minimum contacts with all cultural institutions including the media. Consequently, communication with these communities ceased to exist at the time when it's needed the most. Despite the fact that most of these communities are deeply rooted in American culture and many of these families have been living in the U.S for many generations, there was a deeply seated fear among them to be victimized as Japanese Americans in the aftermath of WWII. But we can't win the war on terrorism without working closely with all citizens including Arab and Muslim Americans, and here where the office of multicultural relations plays a vital role.

Multicultural Relations Office

MCR was born in November, 2005 out of a need to establish an outreach program to all Ohio communities with an emphasis on cultural diversity and the groups that it represents. The Department of Public Safety/Division of Homeland Security recognizes the need to develop regular communication with all citizens for the purpose keeping Ohio and Ohioans safe and secure. The office will pay special attention on building positive relationship with Arab and Muslim Americans because they're very important part in this fight. Unlike the status of Arab and Muslim Europeans who were invited as workers but were not treated as equal citizens as evident in the riots in France for the last several years, Arab and Muslim Americans immigrated (and still immigrating) to the United States since the end of the 19th century. The American system treats them with equality as citizens with rights and duties. They're proud Americans who have contributed greatly to the success of the American culture as many of them ascended to positions of prominence in all fields like politics, science, entertainment, sports. MCR will reach out to these communities, affirm their citizenry, and work closely them and law enforcement agencies.

Primary Objective: To communicate, coordinate, and engage the communities throughout the state of Ohio with a focus on the Arab Muslim American communities on matters related to fighting terrorism.

Goals of the Office

1. Forming advising councils that represent our community to help build a society that is based on mutual respect, understanding and cooperation.
2. Engage the community to become part of the Homeland Security mission of prevention, protection, response and recovery.
3. Present terrorism awareness programs to the community through public speaking, workshops and training and by visiting schools and work place in both public and private sectors
4. Encourage state wide cooperation and build partnerships within the community and citizen groups
5. Participation in the celebration and cultural events observed by our diverse citizens and groups.
6. Nurturing a relationship or mutual respect between the community and Law Enforcement/Homeland Security.
7. Hold regular meeting with the members of the community
8. Establish a task force representing community based organizations that include leadership of the largest spectrum of the society
9. Work as bridge to promote harmony, cooperation, understanding, and mutual respect among different religious and cultural organization in the state of Ohio.
10. Counter issues of stereotypes and profiling of multicultural groups
11. Establish direct lines of communications with the leaders of the multicultural groups.

12. Create a working relationship with all mediums of communication to provide accurate information regarding multiple cultures.
13. Offer training workshops to public employees regarding multiculturalism to include presentations on Islam and Middle Eastern cultures
14. Create a public speaking program that presents issues relate to the goals of the office
15. Publish and make available to the public synoptic literature on religious and cultural issues relate to multicultural groups in the community

Action plans:

1. Identify and list all cultural and religious organizations important to work with
2. Identify and list leadership within these organizations
3. Identify important members of these communities in private and public sectors.
4. Choose a contact person with the necessary background for successful contacts.
5. Contacts should be personal and slow in order to build trust in mission and establish communication and working relationship.
6. Engage the leadership in as many meetings as possible to keep lines of communication open. Meetings' agendas should establish major and specific matters that are important to both government and communities.
7. Explain the mission of the office and the role they have in working with OHLS
8. Solicit their input, cooperation, and consultation in your work
9. Coordinate and Plan with community organizations town hall meetings in which the larger number of members attends to address their issues and concerns and OHLS issues and concerns. Meetings should include representatives of various governmental agencies.
10. Form advisory councils with members that represent the diverse population.
11. Formalize these councils in appointments and media announcements.
12. Councils should be divided into task forces to address issues of concern
13. Councils should select members as contact persons with 24 hours contact access.
14. Attend meetings and cultural events celebrated by the communities.
15. Work closely with the communities to counter profiling and stereotyping.
16. Enable the communities to represent themselves and make their voice heard when and where it's needed.

Advisory Councils

Community advisory councils represent all groups that feel disconnected or alienated or those who don't have same access to the law Enforcement/Homeland Security

- Bring in a diverse population of one community to regularly meet with Law Enforcement/Homeland Security for the purpose of increasing communication with the community. Presenting a whole spectrum of diverse views, these councils can help LE/HLS understand issues they face
- each Group will be assigned a member of the staff of HLS that has an experience in working with each particular group
- groups meet to discuss issues of concerns, needs, and recommendations
- In order to promote trust and honesty communication between HLS and the community, groups will provide directly to HLS their feedback on issues of concerns.
- Each council meets and works with Law Enforcement/Homeland Security differently

In addition to advisory councils and task force, MCR will work with liaisons to work in the following four areas:

Youth Liaison

General goals: To engage the youth in a multitude of programs and activities for the purpose of preventing violence and terrorism by producing good citizens less vulnerable to extremism and fanaticism.

Steps to achieve plan:

1. Engaging Muslim youth in civic duties and provide them with a sense of belonging to the larger community
2. Provide the youth with a voice in expressing and discussing their issues and concerns
3. Provide support through coordinating with other youth and service organizations to address issues not addressed by faith based organizations
4. Establish leadership initiative to empower and activate youngsters in political and cultural life. This initiative can be achieved through organizing training programs and by soliciting the help of specialists in this field
5. Create awareness of good citizenry with focus on rights and duties to confirm the concepts of "natural rights", societal obligation, and social contract
6. Engage the Arab/Muslim American communities in working with youth

7. Engage the youth in discussing and debating ideologies of cultural and religious extremism with focus on alternative views and ramification of each possibility. OHLS should develop literature to serve this purpose. Literature should include among other things mainstream Islam and its universal appeal
8. Establish a list of printed and digital sources with easy and open access to serve the youth on wider range of issues
9. Establish a hotline for youth as an empowering tool of communication and participation
10. Provide educational materials published by a various educational organizations on Islam and Arabic culture to youth in schools and detention centers.
11. Engage the youth in anti-drug campaign and anti gang activities

Women Liaison

General Goals: In work place and in popular culture, Arab/Muslim American women seem to be either misrepresented or under-represented. While women can't be defined as homogenous or monolithic, we recognize the importance of working with these groups for the important role they can play in the fight against terrorism. Their role as parents is very important in education and preparing good citizenry. We feel the need to empower women to be active participant in issues like health, employment, harassment, discrimination, racism, misogyny, and religious issues in a free format.

Steps to achieve goals:

1. Encourage women to participate in civic duties and public service. OHLS should coordinate with workplace in public and private sector to address sensitivity to faith-based employment.
2. Create women task force comprising of members of professional women in both public and private sectors. This task force would work as an example of success to the general population and as a role model for Arab/Muslim American women
3. Support established women organizations and solicit their participation in achieving OHLS mission.
4. Affirm equal opportunity employment for women of faith especially when Islamic attire or prayer create issues in work place
5. Steer the establishment of issues based women organizations to attract the participation of Muslim/Arab American women so a network of women voices is heard.
6. Encourage intellectual and cultural participation for women. OHLS should help in providing women a podium for public speaking, writing and publishing

7. Working with Arab and Islamic organizations to provide educational research on political, cultural and religious issues. OHLS should create a dynamic forum to continuously engage women to debate and discuss their issues.
8. Create a manual detailing Muslim and Arab women past and present contributions to world cultures and civilizations.
9. Coordinate between Arab/Muslim women organizations and local, national, and international women organizations for the purpose of increasing the cooperation and connection with women everywhere.
10. Work with the popular media to enable women to express their views and debate their issues in public forums
11. Establish a plethora of printed and digital resources to inform, communicate, and educate women on family, health and maternal issues.
12. Facilitate societal awareness and help for women and families who face social, cultural, or personal issues with no re-course.

Community Organizations and Leadership Liaison

General Goals: Recognizing the importance of communication and information, OHLS works tirelessly to connect with and activate the Arab/Muslim communities throughout the state of Ohio to work closely with first responders to protect these communities in specific and Ohio in general by creating effective security measures to prepare for and prevent terrorism. In the aftermath of 9/11, Arab and Muslim Americans came under scrutiny and many in the popular media and their communities became isolated and secluded. Consequently, contacts with Arab and Muslim Americans were minimized. Working with the community organizations and their leadership should re-connect Arab and Muslim Americans with society on one hand, and with law enforcement agencies on the other. OHLS will help in countering profiling, stereotyping, misconception, false information, and coordinate in presenting the true culture of Islam and Arabs.

Steps to implement plan:

1. Establish continuous lines of communication with the leadership of Arab/Muslim American organizations.
2. Develop a list of representative names as anytime contacts with the community for the purpose of disseminating information as needed.
3. Hold periodical and open town hall meeting to enable members of these communities and the law enforcement to ask and answer questions of concern to both sides
4. Form advisory councils with members representing the A/M communities in all cities of Ohio. These councils should advise and recommend to OHLS on matters of importance.

5. Work with communities in providing the correct knowledge of Islam and the Arabic culture by initiating educational programs, seminars, workshops, and public speaking on these issues.
6. Advise and recommend to the school systems in Ohio on curriculum and information regarding both the religion and the cultures of the Middle East
7. Encourage the A/M communities to actively participate in the popular culture as a member of diverse community with rights, duties, and roles to play in American society.
8. Work hard to minimize discrimination against A/M Americans in all sectors including employment.
9. Generate an interfaith dialogue among the willing pious to develop mutual respect, awareness and understanding of all faiths. This should be part of a general plan to promote harmony among all communities including minorities and majority and how can they relate to each other. Mosques should be encouraged to extend themselves to the community through open house tours and dialogues
10. Engage the A/M communities in frank and productive discussion on extremism and fanaticism in all religions including Islam.
11. Develop a public campaign for the purpose of affirming the cultural inclusiveness and the right of every American citizen to “belong” to our society.
12. Bridge the gap between A/M American organizations and other organizations by spearheading cooperation and close working relationship between the diverse communities.

Liaison working with the Law Enforcement

OHLS recognizes that Arab and Muslim American groups have the utmost interest in a safer Ohio with proven support for a pluralistic and a “salad bowl” society with different parts, colors, and taste yet all essential and work together to produce cohesiveness. Enabling Law enforcement agencies in Ohio to use all sources available to fight, prevent prepare for terrorism, OHLS should establish a dynamic connection with the diverse communities including Arab and Muslim Americans.

Steps to achieve plan:

1. Familiarize the Arab Muslim American communities with law enforcement work, mission, law, rights and duties. Exchange of tours and face-to-face meetings between the two sides should “humanize” the other and thus minimize misconception, stereotyping and profiling. The image of law enforcement in the Middle East is very negative and many immigrants still have the same views even though they live in the United States.
2. Develop cultural and religious awareness seminars and workshops to empower law enforcement with the correct information on do’s and taboos in world cultures.

3. Coordinate with the law enforcement to develop informational public events as needed in which representatives of all agencies can educate the public and answer questions on law enforcement.
4. Develop and distribute educational materials to all law enforcement agencies to help as a source on working with and interacting with Arab and Muslim Americans.
5. Coordinate with law enforcement to maintain a balance between the fight against terrorism and the preservation of civil liberties
6. Collaborate with colleges and universities to develop courses on Homeland Security and certification to law officers throughout the state of Ohio.
7. Coordinate town hall meetings to enable law enforcement to be part of panels to communicate issues and concerns to the Arab/Muslim American communities
8. Work as a liaison between the local mosques and law enforcement agencies for the purpose of working with the mosques and soliciting the help of imams in the fight against terrorism.
9. Engage the A/M groups and solicit their participation and recommendation in the ways to fight terrorism
10. Work with law enforcement and the media to counter anti-Islamic views and events.
11. Work with cultural organizations to initiate exhibits and cultural events depicting Islamic culture, art, contribution to world civilization, and way of life in order to bring more factual understanding to the public.

Supervisor
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Westwood, California
July 23, 2006

Nowadays people are quick to criticize our government and its agencies in unprecedented ways, and are given to make remarks on every issue. While that is a necessary check and test of our freedoms, many of those issues are completely unjustified, make no justice and are ungrateful to all those anonymous people who voluntarily put themselves in the front line, wearing the flag on their hearts, and sacrificing many things -sometimes everything- for the common good.

It is true some people are not up to high standards, but that is compensated by all of those others who pass the bar with colors. And these are the FBI people.

I now gladly take the opportunity and give firsthand proof that many of these people are first rate citizens, the ones our country loves and needs.

Some months ago, a friend of mine, [REDACTED], was the targeted person of an FBI short investigation.

The act that caused it was wholly innocent but perceived in a different way because our raised awareness regarding terrorism concerns.

A team of FBI agents, [REDACTED] and his partner, skilfully tracked down my friend and an interview with her took place at which I was present.

[REDACTED] and his partner questioned [REDACTED] at length, precisely.

During the interview, it became clear that the act was completely innocuous and did not pose any danger to anyone or anything. But no one knew that beforehand. Monday quarterbacking is not good for national defense.

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[REDACTED] and I were very impressed at the persistence, seriousness, professionalism and great courtesy of agent [REDACTED] and his partner.

When the issue was cleared up, we were left with the feeling that big good brother is watching everything, even very small unknown possible threats, and guarding us 24 hours a day.

We felt safer.

We say thank you



August 20, 2006

[redacted]
Special Agent
FBI Legal Unit
Los Angeles, California

Dear [redacted]

My name is [redacted]

[redacted] I write this letter to inform you about my deep appreciation of your staff, helping me with one of the most critical problems affecting my career and my family life.

As my clinical and research activities at UCI have been funded by federally funded grants, I needed to clarify my FBI name check (to obtain my permanent residency status) by August 15th 2006. My FBI name check had been pending for more than 1.5 years and several inquiries from Congressman Campbell and Senator Feinstein's offices had not resulted in expedited review of my file. As my career and professional life were on the line, I personally contacted LA FBI office and eventually discussed my desperate situation with [redacted] from Legal Unit. Her patience, professionalism and response were exemplary and she literally saved my career by her follow up that resulted in clearance of my name in a timely fashion. Her action has proved to me (and to my colleagues) that your office is not only very sensitive to security and safety of our community but also is sensitive to individuals' problems and concerns.

I believe [redacted] is an example of a responsible and caring individual whose kindness and professionalism should be well recognized. Certainly, individuals like [redacted] build our trust in our system and government and we should all be proud of these responsible and patriotic individuals.

Gratefully,

[redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/19/2006

To: Los Angeles

From: Los Angeles

OPCA

Contact: SA [redacted] (310) [redacted]

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Case ID #: 66F-LA-C236680 (Pending)

Title: LOS ANGELES ARAB/MUSLIM/SIKH
OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

Synopsis: Document the September 18, 2006 Multi-Cultural Advisory
Committee (MCAC) Meeting.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following documents: (1) the sign in sheet,
(2) agenda, (3) minutes of August 28, 2006 MCAC Meeting, (4) handout on MCAC
Website (rev#2), (5) MCAC application.

Details: On Monday, September 18, 2006, at 6:00pm, the monthly Multi-
Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting was held at the FBI Office in
Westwood, California. The following individuals were in attendance:

1. [redacted]
Congresswoman Jane Harman
2. [redacted]
Shura Council of Southern California
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted] Omar Ibn Al Khattab Foundation
5. [redacted]
6. [redacted]
Free Muslim Coalition Against Terrorism
7. [redacted]
MPAC
8. [redacted]
Council of Pakistan American Affairs
9. [redacted]
10. [redacted]

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11. [redacted]
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12. [redacted]

13. [redacted]
C.A.I.R.

14. [redacted]
Inter Religious Federation for World Peace

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15. SSA [redacted]
FBI Los Angeles

16. SA [redacted]
FBI Los Angeles

17. [redacted]
FBI Los Angeles

18. [redacted]
FBI Los Angeles

MCAC members were informed that the next meeting will be held
October 16, 2006. The above mentioned enclosures are attached.

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Multi Cultural Forum Sign-In

Full Name	Class	U/L DL	M/L DL	F/L DL

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<i>Full Name</i>	<i>Sign-In</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>	<i>Mobile Phone</i>	<i>Email Address</i>

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**AGENDA FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006, MEETING OF THE MULTI-
CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)**

6:00 P.M. - 6:15P.M.	Meet and Greet
6:15 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.	Current Issues *October MCAC meeting 10/16/06 - Ramadan
6:30 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.	Discuss Town Hall Meeting * November 4, 2006 - Anaheim
7:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Break
7:30 P.M. - 7:50 P.M.	Website update
7:50 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	New Membership Process *applications
8:00 P.M.	Conclusion

MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 MEETING

Announcements:

- Next month's MCAC meeting will be on 10/16/06, at **5:00** p.m. Please respond ASAP and let us know if you are going to attend, so that the food can be planned accordingly. The Muslim members are going to break the fast with us during this meeting, so we will be starting a bit earlier to accommodate the schedule.
- Congresswoman Jane Harman is inviting MCAC members to attend a program about the value of Muslims in America. It will be held on Monday, 9/25/06 in Washington, D.C. This event has various organizations involved, including MPAC and the Congressional Muslim Staff, and is going to be a Bipartisan approach. Reserved seating is available for LA MCAC members.
- Please let [redacted] know ASAP if there are costs associated with advertising for the TH meeting. We may be able to assist you.
- On 9/1/06 [redacted] hosted 60 FBI supervisors for the meeting at the mosque. The 6 hour day included a tour, prayer and lunch. It was an introduction type discussion on the basics of Islam, jihads, and terrorist issues/concerns. CNN opted not to attend. But feedback from the FBI side was positive. Interest was definitely generated, and all literature available was taken. Thank you. If anyone else would like to invite the FBI, please let us know.
- Annual Humanitarian Day with Muslim Comm. of Southern CA 10/15/06. This will be on Skid Row. Last year over 2100 people were helped. Volunteers hand out food, clothes, toys, etc. Flyer coming soon!
- USC does a Fastathon to donate money to the Humanitarian day efforts. Also, MSA will do a national day. Flyers with details for all events are coming soon!

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Town Hall Meeting:

- The next TH meeting will be on 11/04/06 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Brookhurst Center in Anaheim. Admission is FREE for all to attend, and free parking is available as well. Because the mayor is hosting this event, the facility use is free. Additionally, advertising for an Orange County newspaper will be used free of cost.
- The format of the next meeting was discussed, and the consensus was that the MCAC members should not be asking questions of the expert panel. Members should allow the attendees to present their community issues/concerns. However, note cards will be available for those who wish to submit anonymous questions. If there is a lull in the program, members may pose questions that they feel are issues within the community.

- The panel of experts will remain, as well as a moderator from MCAC and a question and answer portion. This Q & A will be the main portion of the program. The introductions of the panel members should be shorter than the last meeting (i.e. no more than 1-3 minutes each person) to allow more time for the audience to engage in dialogue. The FBI booths will also remain present, with literature available for the public. If possible, additional pamphlets in other languages are requested.
- Mayor Pro-Temp Chavez is sponsoring the event, and will introduce ADIC Steven Tidwell and say a few words. It will not be anything of political nature.
- The flyer will be updated and sent to everyone by the end of this week. It is pertinent that revisions are given before Monday, so please look for the email! This time around, we are hoping for a more focused flyer, that lists topics of interest to draw in community members (i.e. Crimes against children, identity theft, hate crimes, civil rights, etc.). The official press release will also be given to you shortly, so that we can start publicizing the meeting.
- A sub-committee is needed to facilitate the logistics of the OC TH meeting. We'll send out an email again this week with additional information for those who volunteered.

MCAC Website Update:

- Please see the handout from the meeting for details on the website. The notes below are in conjunction with the 11 bullets on the handout:
 1. Team of 4 creative minds designing the site
 2. The plan is to complete it by November.
 3. Proposed sections for release are in asterisks; if you see info that should be included, please let them know
 4. Cost to host and maintain site is \$100 per month. Ideas for paying monthly costs included each organization donating the full \$100 amount, thus securing the site for a year
 5. Website name ideas were given. Voted on <http://www.MCACLA.org>
 6. Need web material review team to propose guidelines. Volunteers will be contacted
 7. Fresh material is a must! All members are collectively responsible for providing new information every 2 weeks
 8. Sign in feature will be maintained by a web-savvy member to add the addresses Volunteer will be contacted
 9. All members will have an MCACLA.org email address. For privacy, your personal/business email address will not be given, however, unbeknownst to those contacting you via MCAC, the email will be forwarded to your personal account. (i.e. [redacted] email [redacted].org and it is sent to her aol email address) Also, there will be both organization addresses as well as individual addresses available

10. Press releases will be discussed later, as tools are not yet established
11. Each organization will have contact info, mission statement and a hot link for more information on each organization

Membership Process:

- Needed a formal membership application to recruit new MCAC members. Please review the handout from the meeting and decide if it needs further revision. (The essay portion will basically consist of listing why they'd like to join us) It may be necessary to create a separate application for organizations, and not just individuals. We'll discuss this again later, but a definite structure is needed for the review process. We'll need volunteers for the membership/review committee.
- If individuals apply, they must have the ability to influence and inform others within the community if not representing a specific organization.
- We'll discuss the new invitations for different organizations to join LA MCAC. Tidwell wants all entities to be well balanced, and healthy, with good membership numbers in each branch of the LA MCAC. FYI the OC/IE MCAC is scheduled to debut in 2007.
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MCAC WebSite

Design, Development & Management Plan

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(1) Website DDM Team

Members

Develop & Propose guidelines

Documentation will be maintained with Revision Control

(2) Schedule

Go Live: Nov 2006

Minimal material: See asterisk items in Section #3

Review complete: Oct 2006

(3) Proposed Sections (* Initial Release)

(a) *FLASH Animation with two hands (MCAC & FBI) coming to shake with US Flag in background.

Handshake goes to initial screen

(b) *Organization List. (See #11 below)

(c) *Mission, Description & Logos

(d) FBI (Steve) Statement

(e) MCAC Statement

(f) Database Sign-Up

(g) Visitor Feedback & Comments

(h) Past Events

(i) *Upcoming Events

(j) Archive

(k) Picture Gallery

(l) Press Releases

(m) *Youth Committee

(n) Useful Links

(4) Estimated Funding

Initial Build: \$1,000

Monthly: \$100

6 month funding/organization

Recognition of funding organization

(5) Name

Structure & Umbrella Proposal

Proposed Names:

(a) mCACwest.org

(b) MCACSoCal.org

(c) MCACLA.org

(d) MCACUSA.org

(6) Web Material Review Team

Website Material Review Team

Develops & proposes guidelines

Request & Nominations for team members

(7) Content Team

All MCAC Members

Follow guidelines proposed in Section #6

Request & Nominations for team members

(8) Database

Self Sign-Ups

Request for manual entry person

Using Constant Contact

(9) eMails

All MCAC members

Example: FirstMILast@mcaccla.org

Auto forwarded to your current addresses

Web accessible email

Establishes privacy

Looks professional

(10) Rapid Response Team

Develop & Propose guidelines

2-3 people who will write & respond

Request & Nominations for team members

(11) Participating Individuals & Organizations

Name & Alternate

Contact information (eMail, Phone, FAX)

Mission Statement

Hotlinks

FBI Los Angeles
Multi Cultural Advisory Committee Application

Name: _____		
Last	First	Full Middle
<p>List all other names you have used, including nicknames and maiden names. If you have ever used any other surname, please indicate the time period this occurred and describe the circumstances. If you legally changed your name, please list the date, place, and court:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Current Age: _____		
Gender: Male _____ Female _____ Social Security Number: _____		

Personal Data

Address and Point of Contact

Current Address: _____			
Street	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone: () _____		Work Phone: () _____	
Cellular Phone: () _____		E-Mail: _____	
<p>Please provide the name and telephone number of a relative, friend, or associate we can contact in case of an emergency:</p> <p>_____</p>			

Employment Information

Current Employer: _____			
Business Address: _____			
Street	City	State	Zip Code
Job title: _____		Length of time with present employer: _____	
Company Website (if applicable): _____			
Brief description of business/duties: _____			

Spouse's full name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Spouse's place of employment, position, and business address: _____

Relatives

Please list any organizations, associations, or community groups to which you belong:

Please identify the person who has nominated you to attend:

Organizational Memberships / Community Service

Referral

Authorization to Conduct Law Enforcement Check

Have you been arrested within the last 6 months?

Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No _____

If you answered "yes" to either question, please provide details including date, place, law enforcement agency, court, charge, and disposition:

I hereby authorize the FBI to conduct a standard check of law enforcement records pursuant to my application to the FBI Multi Cultural Advisory Committee. I understand this check will include, but not be limited to, any record of arrests, prosecutions or convictions for criminal or civil offenses, state or federal. Any information obtained through this record check will be used exclusively for the purpose of determining my eligibility for a security clearance to allow me to participate in the Multi Cultural Advisory Committee. My consent is valid for three months from the date of my authorization appearing below. I also understand that concealing a material fact on this application can be the basis for rejection of my application to the FBI Multi Cultural Advisory Committee.

Full Name (Typed or Printed)

Full Name (Signature)

Date

Return this form with attached essay to:

**FBI Los Angeles
Community Outreach Program (Los Angeles OPCA)
11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1100,
Los Angeles, CA 90024**

or

fax to (310) 996-3345

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/30/2006

To: Los Angeles

From: Los Angeles

OPCA

Contact: SA [REDACTED] (310 [REDACTED])

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] bgg

Case ID #: 188A-LA-C236680

Title: LOS ANGELES ARAB/MUSLIM SIKH OMBUDSMAN
PROGRAM

Synopsis: ADIC J. Stephen Tidwell, ASAC Peter Won, ASAC Barbara Walls, SSA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] attended The Sixth Annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner hosted by The Islamic Shura Council of Southern California on Sunday, October 8, 2006.

Details: ADIC J. Stephen Tidwell, ASAC Peter Won, ASAC Barbara Walls, SSA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] attended the Sixth Annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner at the Wyndham Hotel in Commerce, California on October 8, 2006. ADIC Tidwell briefed the audience on FBILA's partnership with the Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee(MCAC).

The dinner was attended by over 100 people and lasted for approximately 4 hours. MCAC member [REDACTED] acted as a moderator during the event.

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Sixth Annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner



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In the name of God, the Most Benevolent, the Most Merciful



The Islamic Shura Council of Southern California cordially invites you to attend the *Sixth Annual Interfaith Ifar Dinner*

6:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 8, 2006

Wyndham Hotel

5757 Telegraph Road, Commerce, CA 90040
Phone: (323) 887 4312

Program

- Socializing and seating
- Ifar (Fast Breaking - 6:30 p.m.)
- Maghrib (Sunset) Prayers
- Dinner
- Guest Speakers

Please RSVP by September 15th, 2006

Shura Council (714)-239 6473 or

info@shuracouncil.org



Ramadan The Way to Spiritual Attainment

Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan from dawn to dusk to enhance self restraint and to get closer to God. It is a time for spirituality and devotion, giving and sharing.

"O you who believe fasting is ordained for you as it was ordained for those before you so that you may become God conscious..."

— Quran (2:183)

And it is better for you that you fast, if you only knew...

— Quran (2:184)

Ramadan is the (month) in which was sent down the Qur'an...

— Quran (2:185)

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/17/2006

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] bgg

Case ID #: 188A-LA-C236680 (Pending)

Title: LOS ANGELES ARAB/MUSLIM/SIKH OMBUDSMAN P

Synopsis: Document the November 13, 2006 Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) Meeting.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following documents: (1) the sign in sheet, (2) agenda, (3) minutes of November 13, 2006 MCAC Meeting, (4) A fact sheet and two brochures from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, (5) InFocus Newspaper.

Details: On Monday, November 13, 2006, at 6:00pm the monthly Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting was held at the FBI Office in Westwood, California. The following individuals were in attendance:

1. [redacted]
Shura Council of Southern California
2. [redacted]
Congresswoman Jane Harman
3. [redacted]
Syrian Orthodox Church
4. [redacted]
C.A.I.R.
5. [redacted]
Omar Ibn Al Khattab Foundation
6. [redacted]
7. [redacted]
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
8. [redacted]
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9. [REDACTED]
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10. [REDACTED]
Syrian Orthodox Church
11. [REDACTED]
LEDtronics
12. [REDACTED]
13. [REDACTED]
MPAC
14. [REDACTED]
Inter Religious Federation for World Peace
15. SSA [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles
16. SA [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles
17. [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles
18. [REDACTED]
FBI Los Angeles

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MCAC members were informed that the next will be held December 18, 2006. The above mentioned enclosures are attached.

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